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#### Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

#### City offices **closed Wednesday**

Wabash City Hall along with all non-emergency city of Wabash departments will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. They will be open at 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2,

#### **Laketon American Legion Post offering** breakfast and lunch

The Laketon American Legion Post will be offering breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The Blue Bird Cafe will be closed.

# **BMV** announces

holiday hours Branches will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 in observance of the New Year's holiday. All branches will resume regularly scheduled business hours beginning Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24hour BMV Connect kiosk near you visit IN.gov/BMV.

### First Day Hike planned at Salamonie Lake

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services' staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 at Salamonie Lake at 3691

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# Swearing-in ceremony set for Tuesday

# Elected officials to begin duties for 2020

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Wabash

**BY ROB BURGESS** 

As the city of Wabash and the surrounding communities prepare to begin a new year, a swearing-in ceremony for elected officials has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the City Hall chambers, stated Bev Vanderpool, assistant to Mayor Scott Long, in a Friday state-

#### **Ceremony schedule**

ment to the Plain Dealer.

The ceremony is set to begin with a welcome from Chris-

County, the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation from Brandon Eaton, pastor at Friends Church.

Elected officials will then be sworn in by Indiana Supreme Court Justice Christopher Goff, starting with Tim Roberts. Next up to be sworn in by

McCallen, III and Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Frazier.

in the Wabash City Council

tine Flohr, of Visit Wabash including District 1 Representative Mitch Figert, District 2 Representative David Monroe, District 3 Representative Terry Brewer, District 4 Representative Susan Bonfitto, District 5 Representative Doug Adams, and Members At Large Bryan Long and City Court Judge Dillon and John Burnsworth.

Elected LaFontaine town officials will be sworn in next Goff will be Judge Robert by Goff, including Clerk-Treasurer Diana Heath, and Town Board Members Lori After that, Goff will swear Brane, Jay Gillespie and Ernest John Khrin.

Kristie Bone will then be sworn in by Goff.

Wabash City Schools board member Stephen Dafoe, Monday, Dec. 9 meeting.

Before issuing closing remarks, Long will present an award to the outgoing Wabash City Council members. es in that election:

#### **Election results**

For many of those being sworn in, Tuesday's ceremony comes after the results of the Nov. 5 municipal election became final.

One of only three contest-

Clerk-Treasurer ed races in Wabash County. Burnsworth and Dillon were victorious over Democrat Long will then swear in Dan Townsend. Burnsworth received 496 votes (42.83 percent), Dillon received who was appointed at their 401 votes (34.63 percent) and Townsend received 261 votes (22.54 percent).

Below are vote totals for each of the uncontested rac-

- Adams (R): 164
- Bonfitto (R):116
- Brewer (R): 104
- Figert (R): 107 ■ Frazier (D): 400
- Long (R): 600
- Monroe (R): 61 ■ Roberts (R): 574



look warning was issued Monday for northern Indiana. 'Southwest winds will gust

Light accumulations are possible which could create hazardous travel conditions in time for the Tuesday morning commute. A period of snow is expected Tuesday morning with light accumulations an-

MYSTERY: Bruce Rovelstad, left, keels over at the table, Bob Yaggi, right, looks through the magnifying glass and Bev Vanderpool, center, is poisoned during a scene from "Death By Chocolate."

# Experience 'Death by Chocolate'

# Auditions for winter comedy to be held Jan. 11, 2020

# STAFF REPORT

Are you suffering from winter doldrums? Would you like to have some fun? If so, join the Wabash Area Community Theater auditions for the winter comedy "Death by Chocolate."

This show is a hilarious fast-paced "who done it" mystery, directed by legendary Bruce Rovelstad, according to a press release from Bev Vanderpool.

past four winter comedies," stated the release.

men and four women includfrom noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, in the Honeywell Center.

"Besides Coco, our cast will consist of several wacky characters including Nick Noir, a "Rovelstad has given his bumbling private eye and his tive.

dramatic comedy flair to the devoted secretary Selma as they try to solve a mystery at the local coffee shop where The cast includes three death seems to come frequently and all with a chocoing sisters Bonbon and Coco. late concoction," stated the Auditions will be held on release. "After all, is there at noon and dinner is at 12:30 anything better than chocolate?

If being in the show doesn't Bonbon and interest you, are you good at solving puzzles? Do you enjoy a good comedy? If so, try your luck at being a detec-

"This show is 'dinnertainment' at it's best, consisting of dinner and the show in the beautiful Charley Creek Inn Ballroom," stated the release.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7, 2020; and doors will open p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2020.

Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn recep-

For more information, call Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Vanderpool at 765-661-

# Snow and flooding in the forecast National Weather

Service issues hazardous weather outlook warnings

**BY ROB BURGESS** 

precipitation throughout the region may lead to snow accumulations, icy roads and possible flooding in some areas through Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service (NWS) Northern Indiana.

A hazardous weather out-

up to around 40 miles per hour at times today," stated the warning. "Be sure to secure loose objects. Snow will develop late tonight, mainly along and northwest of Indiana 24.

ticipated.'

# Slick roads

In a Monday phone interview, Amos Dodson, NWS Northern Indiana meteorologist, said that even though the snow showers moving through the region Monday wouldn't accumulate on the roads, colder air moving in early Tuesday morning with additional accumulations of

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# Indiana State Police welcomes 37 new troopers

Dakota L. Anderson has been assigned to the Peru District

# **STAFF REPORT**

The 79th Indiana State Police (ISP) Recruit Academy completed its graduation ceremony Thursday, Dec. 19 in the Indiana State Capitol Rotunda, according to a press release.

Among the graduates was Kokomo native Dakota L. Anderson, who has been assigned to the Peru District.

Opening remarks were made by ISP Superintendent Douglas G. Carter and Indiana Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, foladdress from James R. White, a retired ISP Lieu-

tenant. After the commencement address, the oath of office

for the 37 new State Police officers was delivered by The Honorable Justice Christopher M. Goff, of the Indiana Supreme Court. Each new trooper was then presented their badge and official identification by Superintendent Carter and his staff.

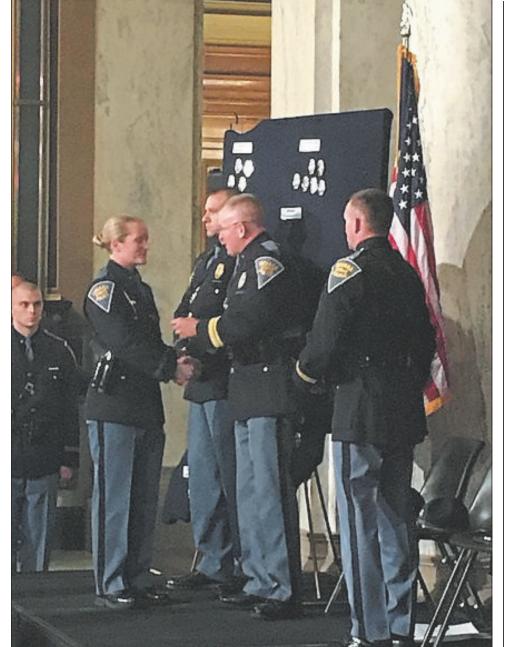
The graduation marked the culmination of 25 weeks of intense training which totaled nearly 1,100 hours. Some subject areas of training included criminal and traffic law, crash investigations, emergency vehicle operations, defensive tactics, firearms and a host of other subjects related to modern policing.

Each graduating trooper lowed by a commencement will be assigned to one of 14 State Police Posts across Indiana. Once at their assigned district, the

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# **ISP GRADS**

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new troopers will spend the next three months working side by side with a series of

experienced Field Training Officers.

The purpose of the field training is to put to practical application the training received over the duration of the formal academy training.

Upon successful completion of field training, the new troopers will be assigned a state police patrol vehicle and will begin solo patrol in their assigned dis-

# **PULSE**

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New Holland Road, Andrews. Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Tree Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-

### **Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter** Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will tak place Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 and Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash, visit the Honeywell Center website at www.honeywell center.org or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

#### **January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set**

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

### **Red Cross schedules** blood drive opportunity for Jan. 7, 2020

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass

#### **Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's** art competition

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 through Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. For complete guidelines visit www.honeywellcenter.org/92 -county-art-show. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@Honey wellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

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#### Frances Slocum **Chapter of the** DAR to meet

Wabash County's Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be presented by Beverly Ferry, CEO, Living Well in Wabash County. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. For more information, call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-

### **Low Impact Fitness** classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo Mc-Clelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

### Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by

the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

### Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

### Komets game to celebrate Wabash **County March 13**

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at https://groupmatics. events/event/Wabash community3 or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@ komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

## **Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day** returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer. com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

Fri- Thurs: 12:55, 3:55

Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, December 27- Thursday, January 2

<u>Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in 2D (PG13)</u>
Fri- Sat: 12:25, 3:25, 6:10, 6:50, 9:10, 9:55 Sun-Thurs: 12:25, 3:25, 6:10, 6:50

**Spies in Disguise (PG)**Fri- Sat: 12:45, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30 Sun-Thurs: 12:45, 3:45, 6:40

<u>Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13)</u> Fri- Sat: 1:10, 4:05, 7:05 10:05 Sun- Thurs: 1:10, 4:05, 7:05 Frozen II in 2D (PG)

Little Women (PG) Sun- Thurs: 12:35, 3:35, 6:30

For more information please call



# 5-Day Weather Summary



5:30 p.m.

Wednesday Snow Showers Likely Sunny 39 / 29

#### 33 / 26 Sun and Moon

8:12 a.m. Tomorrow's sunrise

Today's sunset ...

Chance Rain

45 / 37

Friday



Few Showers 37 / 29

48 / 33 **Detailed Local Outlook** 

Scattered Rain

Today we will see cloudy skies with an 80% chance of snow showers, high of 33°, humidity of 73%. West wind 14 to 21 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 26°. West southwest wind 8 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 18°.

# Study could impact treatment for coronary artery disease

reading about stents, and how it turns out they're no bet- flow. ter for blocked arteries than heart meds. How does something like that get decided?

Ask the

**Doctors** 

a large international study **Elizabeth Ko** that various medical interventions for patients with blocked coro-

nary arteries. Before we get into the study, we first should

talk about coronary artery disease. This is a condition in which the vessels that supply the heart muscle with oxygen-rich blood become blocked. A substance called plaque – which is made up of cholesterol, calcium, fat and other cells - collects along the inner lining of the arteries and causes them to narrow. This limits the blood flow in the arteries, and, in some cases, can cut it off entirely. When the flow of oxygenrich blood to the heart slows or stops, the results can range from chest pain, irregular heartbeat and shortness of breath, to heart attack, to an increased risk of stroke. Bits of the hardened plaque can also break free and cause blood clots, which can also limit or stop blood flow.

Coronary artery disease is the most common type of heart disease in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it accounts for more than 370,000 deaths each year. It's a serious problem, and researchers have spent decades looking for solutions. These include bypass surgery and the use of stent intervention, which were evaluated in the study.

In bypass surgery, a surgeon uses a blood vessel taken from another part of the patient's body to route the flow of blood around the blocked artery. A less invasive option is the stent, which is a tiny mesh tube implanted into the artery via a long, flexible tube known as a catheter. The surgeon inserts the catheter into an artery in the arm or groin and then, with the help of a special X-ray machine, guides it through the blood vessels until it reaches the desired area. Once in place, the rigid stent physically opens

### READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

SUNDAY'S **LOTTERIES** 

Cash 5 09-21-26-37-43 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 01-19-20-25-36, Cash Ball: 3 Daily Three-Midday 2-3-1, SB: 3 **Daily Three-Evening** 4-3-8, SB: 7 Daily Four-Midday 1-9-1-7, SB: 3 Daily Four-Evening 3-3-7-0, SB: 7 Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$55 million Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$220

# MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum .81 Copper 2.82 Lead .87 Zinc 1.04 Gold 1,514.90 Silver 17.93 Platinum 957.40

Sovbeans: \$9.31.

**AREA GRAIN** Estimated grain prices Monday at Indianapolisarea elevators: Corn: \$4.05.

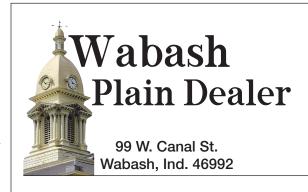
which allows normal blood

and New York University, DEAR READER: You're assessed the medical outate to severe coronary artery evalu- & Eve Glazier disease. Researchers divided instructed to make lifestyle seen. changes, including regular exercise, a healthy diet and ternist and associate professor of quitting smoking. Researchers then followed both groups for between 18 months and seven years, and tracked any cardiac events.

> At the end of the study, researchers found that the surgical procedures proved more provided.

**DEAR DOCTOR:** I keep and supports the artery walls, successful than medication alone at alleviating exerciserelated chest pain. However, The study you referenced, in the long run, they saw no led by Stanford University difference between the two groups when it came to major coronary events, such as referring to the findings from comes of more than 5,100 hospitalizations, heart attacks patients living with moder- and death. In these instances, medication and lifestyle were as effective as surgical the study participants into interventions. Whether these two groups. One group un- new findings help settle what derwent bypass surgery or has long been a fierce and received a stent. Participants sometimes contentious dein the other group were pre- bate about treating coronary scribed heart medication and artery disease remains to be

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### **Betty Marie Saunders**

Jan. 16, 1968 - Dec. 27, 2019

Betty Marie Saunders, 51, of Warsaw, Indiana, died at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born Jan. 16, 1968 in Wabash, Indiana to Forest and Eleonore (Mueller)

Smith.

Betty was a 1986 graduate of Southwood High School, and received her nursing certificate from Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. She served the senior community in Wabash County for 30 years. Betty enjoyed going to the beach, working in the pool, being on the water and camping, gardening, and was a huge Jimmy Buffet

being with her grandkids. daughters, Erika (Wesley) www.grandstaff-hentgen Shilling and Erin (Har-.com.

fan. She especially enjoyed

old) Rennaker, and 4 grandchildren, Trace Shilling, Ian Shilling, Ellie Rennaker, and Violet Rennaker, all of Warsaw, mother,

Eleonore Smith of Wabash, and brothers and sister, James "Jim" (Jill) Smith of Wabash, Fred (Rose) Smith of LaFontaine, Indiana, Gary Smith, and Kristl (Charlie) Andrews, both of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her father, Forest Smith.

Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Soci-

The memorial guest book She is survived by two for Betty may be signed at

### Ernest G. 'Ernie' Barr

Memorial services for Er- granddaughter 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Chapel.

gan and piano, and Ernie's Manchester.

Stephanie nest G. "Ernie" Barr, 93, Hollenberg was the vocalist. of North Manchester, were Special remembrances were given by Ernie's daughter 2019 at the Timbercrest Kathleen Barr Hollenberg, Senior Living Community Ernie's grandson Robert Miller, and friend Wilson Pastor Kurt Borgmann Lutz. Arrangements were officiated, Ernie's brother handled by Grandstaff-Hent-John Barr played the or- gen Bender Chapel, North

### Alan Templin

Funeral Services for Alan Pallbearers were Benj Dan-Eugene Templin, 67, of Wa- iel, Dustin Templin, Brogan bash, were 20 p.m., Friday, Templin, Jeremy Felheim, Dec. 27, 2019 at Grand- Jeremy Monroe, and Mistaff-Hentgen Funeral Ser- chael Shoemaker. Burial vice, Wabash. His brother, was in Mt. Pleasant Cem-Merrill Templin officiated. etery, Wabash.

# Larry Dewayne Boring

Funeral Services for Larry Dewayne Boring, 74, of rural Lagro, were 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 30, 2019 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Borgman officiated. Memories were shared by his granddaughter, Sable Shoue. Honors team.

Audrey Pallbearers were Boring, Andrew Boring, Bobby L. Boring, William Shoue, Elijah Shoue, and Landon Shoue. Burial was Service, Wabash. Rev. Rick in Lagro Cemetery. Military honors by the Wabash VFW Post 286 and the US Army

# IN BRIEF

### **Telsa rear-ends** fire truck in Indiana, killing Arizona woman

CLOVERDALE (AP) Indiana police are investigating a fatal crash involving a Tesla car that rear-ended a fire truck parked along Interstate 70, killing an Arizona woman and seriously injuring her

Derrick N. Monet, 25, of Prescott Valley, Arizona, was behind the wheel of a 2019 Tesla traveling along I-70 in western Indiana's Putnam County when he failed to the see the parked fire truck Sunday morning and plowed into its rear, said Sgt. Matt Ames with Indiana State Police.

Both Monet and his wife, Jenna N. Monet, 23, also of Prescott Valley, Arizona, were seriously injured. Jenna Monet was later pronounced dead at a Terre Haute hospital.

Police said the Cloverdale Fire Department fire truck was parked along the highway, its emergency lights activated while responding to a single-vehicle crash, when Sunday's collision occurred, police said.

Ames said Derrick Monet told investigators he regularly uses his Tesla's autopilot mode, but that "due to the impact of the accident he cannot recall whether or not he had it on at the time of the accident."

State police are continuing to investigate whether or not the autopilot was activated and planned to contact Tesla as part of their investigation,

Ames said that at the time of Sunday's crash the Monets

were traveling from Arizona to Maryland.

#### **ISU's Dreiser Hall** to get \$18M renovation thanks to funding

TERRE HAUTE (AP) Indiana State University's Dreiser Hall is set to undergo an \$18.4 million renovation that will replace much of the 70-year-old building's aging infrastructure.

The State Budget Committee recently approved the release of the funds for the renovation after state lawmakers approved the funding during their last session.

The project will improve the building's HVAC and plumbing systems, its fire suppression system and electrical needs and also bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Dreiser Hall's classrooms will also be upgraded to include state-of-the-art technology to allow individuals statewide to earn a degree at a distance, the Tribune-Star

Work on the project should begin around June 1 and take about 16 months to complete, said Diann McKee, ISU's senior vice president of finance and administration.

Dreiser Hall was built in 1950 and houses academic programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, including multiple communication classes, student media, video production, a student operated radio station, distance education classrooms, and a 255seat theater.

# With births down, U.S. had slowest growth rate in a century

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER Associated Press

growth rate in the United continue. States was the slowest in a century due to declining and the slowdown of international migration, acsus Bureau.

the population standing at still going to be less." 328 million this year, actimates.

growth rate in the U.S. Hampshire and Vermont. since 1917 to 1918, when

ing population of Baby decrease. members entered their to the U.S. decreased to waii, New Jersey, Alaska any state.

Boomers move into their cording to figures released 70s and 80s, there are go-The U.S. grew from "That means proportion-2018 to 2019 by almost ately fewer women of a half percent, or about child bearing age, so even 1.5 million people, with if they have children, it's card in that it is something

slowest Virginia, Maine, New

For the first time this World War I, said William a population increase. Frey, a senior fellow at The island, battered by cades, natural increase - past several years, in-the number of births mi- creased by 340 people nus the number of deaths between 2018 and 2019, in the U.S. due to an ag- island offsetting natural

Boomers, whose oldest International migration people. Mississippi, Ha- as three seats, the most of

years. As the large Boom- to 2019, dropping from than 5,000 residents. ORLANDO, Fla. — The er population continues to as many as 1 million in-"Some of these things population estimates. Imare locked into place. migration restrictions by tion that the U.S. has fewer economic opportucontributed to the decline, Frey said.

"Immigration is a wildwe can do something Four states had a natu- about," Frey said. "Immicording to population es- ral decrease, where deaths grants tend to be younger outnumbered births: West and have children, and they can make a population younger."

Ten states had populathe nation was involved in decade, Puerto Rico had tion declines in the past year. They included New York, which lost almost The Brookings Institution. economic stagnation and 77,000 people; Illinois, For the first time in de- Hurricane Maria in the which lost almost 51,000 residents; West Virginia, which lost more than 12,000 people; Louisiana, - was less than 1 million with people moving to the which lost almost 11,000 residents; and Connecticut, which lost 6,200

70s within the past several 595,000 people from 2018 and Vermont each lost less

Regionally, the South past year's population age, this trend is going to ternational migrants in saw the greatest popula-2016, according to the tion growth from 2018 to 2019, increasing 0.8 percent due to natural inbirths, increasing deaths With the aging of the the Trump administration crease and people movpopulation, as the Baby combined with a percep- ing from others parts of the country. The Northeast had a population de-Monday by the U.S. Cen- ing to be higher numbers nities than it did before crease for the first time of deaths," Frey said. the recession a decade ago this decade, declining 0.1 percent due primarily to people moving away.

Monday's population estimates also offer a preview of which states may gain or lose congressional seats from next year's apportionment process using figures from the 2020 Census. The process divvies up the 435 U.S. House seats among the 50 states based on population.

Several forecasts predict California, the nation's most populous state with 39.5 million residents, losing a seat for the first time. Texas, the nation's second most-populous state with 28.9 million residents, is expected to gain as many

# Legal marijuana sales may spark Midwest interstate tension

BY KATHLEEN FOODY and DAVID EGGERT

— Retailers CHICAGO legally selling marijuana for the past month in Michigan say they have drawn customers from surrounding Midwestern states where the drug remains illegal and, as Illinois prepares to joins the recreational market on Wednesday, officials are renewing warnings to consumers against carrying such products over state

The dynamic is familiar for states on the West and East coasts where the sale and use of marijuana has been broadly allowed since Colorado's market opened in 2014, despite a federal ban that created a patchwork of legal and cultural snares. Nebraska and Oklahoma went so far as to file an unsuccessful lawsuit against Colorado, arguing that its marijuana law would have ill effects for surround-

ing states. In the years since, the industry has wrestled with questions over companies' obligation to pay federal income taxes or follow laws on employee safety. Other thorny issues confronted state regulators, who were forced to determine suitable pesticides for growing cannabis plants, and which ingredients were safe to include in products meant to be eaten or burned. That terrain is usually reserved for federal agencies.

The tensest point, though, remains the illegal market that has survived in states with legal cannabis markets. Some of that product comes from outside the legal systems tracked closely by states' regulators, while other states have struggled to keep "diverted" legal marijuana from bleeding into the illegal market at home or in far-flung states.

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- Sam Kamin, Professor of marijuana law at

back home.

The start of legal sales in Michigan on Dec. 1 and in Illinois on Jan. 1 brings that same climate to the Midwest, where some neighboring states allow limited marijuana use for medical has moved to permit recre-

ational use. States often differ in the regulation of contentious issues, including guns, speed limits and the drinking age. But Sam Kamin, a professor of marijuana law and policy at the University of Denver, said interstate accusations about the effect of marijuana sales on legal states' neighbors are likely to linger unless federal law

'Supply and demand tells us it's going to be a constant thing," Kamin said. "Regulations can only do so much state, it ceases to be a regulatory problem and becomes a criminal one."

to broadly allow marijuana's use and sale, shrinking early states' market advantage and ability to draw tourists. Industry analysts expect "canna-tourism" will remain popular in some places, such as Las Vegas, but that most companies trying to survive in an expensive, challenging industry must build a local customer base.

"Nonresident demand is not going to be the primary Data also suggests that driver of revenue in these Midwestern states," said John Kagia, chief knowllicensed marijuana retailers, edge officer at the industry

the University of Denver

will be that primary driver." Kagia said available data on nonresident buyers suggests the percentage of traveling shoppers varies dramatically between states. One Colorado study found that about 9 percent of total purposes. But none other cannabis product demand came from visitors to the state, while New Frontier Data estimates that the share of purchases by visitors in Nevada is about 25 percent.

In Michigan, where \$4.7 million of recreational marijuana was sold in the first three weeks of December, regulators do not know how much was bought by out-ofstate customers. But shops say business has been brisk, particularly from neighboring Ohio and Indiana and nearby Illinois.

"There's been people from all over," said Bart Kupczyk, co-owner and director and once product leaves a of retail at Ann Arbor-based Greenstone Provisions, one of 23 Michigan retailers licensed for adult-use recre-Illinois is the 11th state ational sales. "Ann Arbor is close to Ohio. It's a destination city in its own right as a fairly well-known college town."

Some 45 miles to the south in Morenci, a town of 2,100 people along the Ohio border, a dispensary has reported that a majority of its customers hail from Ohio, where only medical marijuana is legal. Another retailer in Morenci secured

its state license last week. "It is important for residents of Ohio and non-residents traveling through the state to understand possession of marijuana remains a analytics firm New Frontier criminal violation in Ohio,

even if it is purchased le-

gally in another state which permits recreational use," said Staff Lt. Craig Cvetan, public affairs commander for the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Illinois marijuana companies said they have trained employees to remind nonresidents that their products cannot legally be transported across state lines and can only be consumed in private residences or hotels that permit it. Cities can decide to allow marijuana consumption at tobacco shops or dispensaries, but none will have rules in place by January, said Pamela Althoff, executive director of the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois.

"If you want to enter into Illinois and participate in consuming cannabis, you need to be responsible and you need to know the law," she said. "Just like alcohol, this should not be something you plan to consume and then get back in the car."

Nonresidents can purchase less marijuana than Illinois residents under the state's new law, and law enforcement in surrounding states have announced plans to strictly enforce their standing restriction on marijuana. Michigan's single-transaction limit is the same for residents and nonresidents.

At Green Thumb Industries' five "Rise" dispensaries licensed to sell recreational products in Illinois, employees have been trained to remind nonresidents customers that they can't bring marijuana products home and to warn them not to drive after consuming, said Dina Rollman, the company's senior vice president of government and regulatory affairs. "We're most focused on

serving the people of Illinois, but we recognize that we're surrounded by states that have not legalized cannabis for recreational use," Rollman said. "Our focus is just on education for those consumers, so that we can be compliant.'

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# scripture

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37–39

# The spirit of endeavor has not dimmed in 2019

Populism is on the rise; liberal first successful "soft" landing on democracy is under pressure. Protectionism is threatening to stifle free trade. China and the U.S. are struggling to agree on how to cut carbon emissions. Extreme weaththe uncertainty, stories of extraordinary people have been the bright

world have shown the power of the human body, mind and spirit to achieve remarkable things in 2019. The Financial Times chose mountain climber Nirmal "Nims" Satya Nadella as its person of the Purja, a former Gurkha, scaled the year for reviving Microsoft while instilling a new purpose and sense to be honoured.

In April, a team of scientists developed the first picture of a black hole, an astronomical phenomenon from which no light can escape. Katie Bouman, a young computer scientist, became the symbol of the achievement for using her knowhow to craft an algorithm that could stitch together the images from a witnessed other new human firsts. nation in highly dramatic style. Fifty years after the moon landing, astronauts Christina Koch and Jes-

the far side of the moon.

Many of the greatest individual achievements this year have been locked in what seems ever more internal: victories over our own like a new cold war. Leaders are limits. Eliud Kipchoge was the first human to run a marathon in under two hours. He achieved the er events are increasing. Yet amid milestone in a time trial in Vienna in October, helped by a laser routemarker, a team of support staff and 41 pacemakers. Jasmin Countless citizens across the Paris became the first woman to win the 268-mile Montane Spine Race, breastfeeding her 14-month old daughter on the way. Nepalese 14 highest peaks in the world in six months, beating the existing of humility. Many others deserve speed record by more than seven

Others have depended on teamwork: Siya Kolisi, captain of the world cup winning rugby team, became the first black South African to lift the trophy. Megan Rapinoe, captain of the U.S. team that won the women's football world cup, used her platform to call for equal pay. Ben Stokes, the English cricknetwork of telescopes. Outer space eter, secured the world cup for his

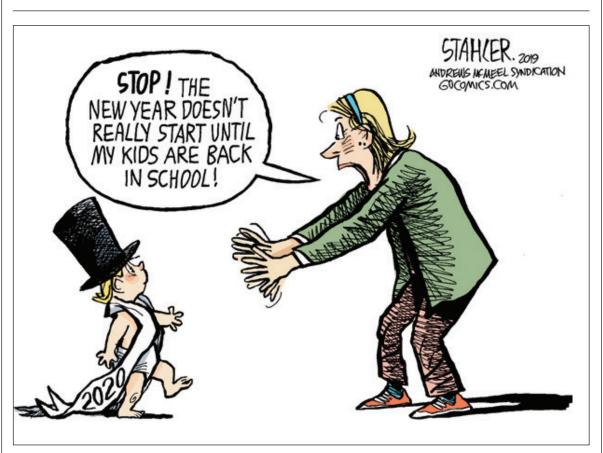
This was the year when humans began to harness the power sica Meir took part in the first all- of quantum computers: a team at female spacewalk while China's Alphabet, Google's parent, de-

These can seem unsettling times. Chang'e 4 mission completed the clared they had achieved "quantum supremacy," as their device beat a traditional computer. Others focused on making sure that technological advances did not mean abandoning morality: Meredith Whittaker, an artificial intelligence worker who had led protests about her employer Google's policies in 2018, resigned from her job this

> Others have demonstrated the human power for creativity. Bernadine Evaristo became the first black woman to win the Booker prize this year. She shared it with Margaret Atwood, who first won the prestigious prize close to two decades ago. Stormzy, a British rapper, not only crafted stunning imagery in his headline set at Glastonbury, but a scholarship he funds was credited with an increase in the number of black students applying to the elite University of Cambridge.

> Those listed here are just the tip of the iceberg. Many of the most extraordinary people go unsung in unglamorous jobs, doing the work of caring for others day in, day out. They are a reminder that no matter how dark the news appears to be. the spirit of human endeavour remains undimmed. The FT salutes

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# Wal-Mart shows us how we can do good by doing well

By T. Norman Van Cott

over the last almost 250 years, one of the keenest is that one can do good while doing well.

The idea traces to Adam Smith. It means capitalists' and entrepreneurs' pursuit of profit can have favorable consequences for the community at large – and not just for capitalists and entrepreneurs. It applies equally to landowners and workers pursuing their own inter-

The following are two of Smith's statements of the "doing good while doing well" proposition. The first is from "The Wealth of Nations" and the latter from Smith's 1759 "Theory of Moral Sentiments."

"It is not from the benevolence of the Butcher, the Brewer or the Baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest.'

'Every individual ... neither intends to promote the public interest, nor knows how much he is promoting it ... he intends only his own security; and by directing that industry in such a manner as its produce may be of the greatest value, he intends only his own gain, and he is in this, as in many other cases, led by an invisible hand to promote an end which was no part

of his intention." One frequently hears about capitalists and entrepreneurs making substantial gifts either before or after their deaths to universities and other non-profit organizations. Many say it is an opportunity for them to "give back," which sug-

gests, at least to me, that the wealth

making the gifts possible was ob-

tained in less than noble ways. Re-

gardless, the benefits the commu-

nity at large reaps from these gifts at large? Among economists' insights are not what the doing good while doing well proposition is about.

The "doing good while doing well" proposition does not describe government officials' ac-

Rather, the proposition refers to the process by which the capitalists and entrepreneurs earn their wealth. It's not what they do with their accrued wealth. It's the benefit the community realizes as this wealth is accrued. To paraphrase Smith, people enjoy the benefits of meat, beer, and bread as a result of their respective producers' efforts to earn a profit. What these producers do with their wealth is a different question.

For government officials, making personal monetary profits from their jobs is illegal. The result when government officials pursue their own interests, given this illegality, is the topic of the public choice economics. The results do not parallel those of Adam Smith.

The Christmas season each year brings with it churches and benevolent groups organizing distributions of food baskets. I have participated in these efforts, though

probably with less enthusiasm than others. Americans are surrounded 24/7 by a process (Smith's invisible hand) that is wealth-producing for all, thereby making these charitable acts possible. Always in the back of my mind was the "doing good while doing well" proposition. That is, how do the effects of the proposition compare with the distribu-

tions by churches and benevolent

groups? To repeat a previous cau-

tioning, how does the process by

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capitalists/entrepreneurs

My mind went to the case of Wal-Mart. No one would deny that Wal-Mart is a profit-pursuing entity. At the same time, there is credible evidence that Wal-Mart's presence in a community reduces food prices between 10 percent and 15 percent. Put on an annual basis, this is equivalent to food shoppers receiving 5.2 to 7.8 weeks of additional food shopping per year. It follows that Wal-Mart spreads far more holiday food cheer than churches and public service groups

Food basket distributions presumably trace to noble intentions, while pursuit of profit is widely held to be ignoble. Noble trumps ignoble. That's why the doing good while doing well proposition has always been a tough sell for economists. For many, good things only happen when people intend to do good things.

None of the above is meant to trivialize church food baskets during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Nor is it meant to disparage those making end-of-life or after-life contributions to colleges/universities or not-for-profit institutions. These acts of charity have long played a vital role in American life. Moreover, they are voluntary, and I would be the last

to put them down. Instead, my purpose is to point out that Americans are surrounded 24/7 by a process (Smith's invisible hand) that is wealth-producing

for all, thereby making these charitable acts possible. T. Norman Van Cott, Ph.D., professor of economics and adjunct scholar of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, was formerly chair of the Ball State University Economics Depart-

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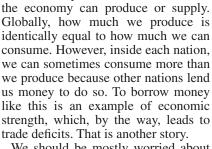
# What does consumer spending do for our economy?

With the year ending, the one enduring bright spot of the domestic economy is consumer spending. Over the past decade, consumer spending accounted for between 67 and 69 percent of our total economy or gross domestic product (GDP). Consumers are a large and stable share of total demand for goods and services. However, continued high demand for consumer goods is not the same thing as economic growth. It is mistake to think that

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consumer spending is Michael causing GDP growth, when consumer spending is simply a measure of demand.

Over the long term, economic growth is caused exclusively by productivity growth. That is simply, how much more, per worker,



We should be mostly worried about long-term economic growth. I don't wish to minimize the ill-effects of a recession, which can be very disruptive to many families. However, the short-run ups and downs we call the business cycle are forever with us. Our long-term prosperity is determined far more by long-term growth than short-term ups and downs. Stable household spending helps keep us on our long-term growth path, but does nothing directly to cause changes to long-term growth. Consumer spending as a share of

GDP does vary over time. In the 1960s it ranged from 61.8 to 59.6 percent of GDP. It has been rising fairly steadily since, plateauing at the current level for more than a decade. It has also grown far more stable, which indirectly helps reduce economic volatility. Why these changes occur are themselves and interesting side note to the economy.

American consumption patterns changed significantly over the past 90 years or so. In 1929, we spent about 70 percent of our family earnings on goods and only 30 percent on services. We were much poorer then, and so we allocated a larger share of spending to food, clothing, housing, transportation and the like. Movies, recreational activities, health and education were a smaller share of our family spending.

By the mid-1960s spending on services rose to half of household income, and today sits above 70 percent. This is true across most developed nations, and provides us a more stable levels of consumer spending. The reason for this is straightforward. In the face of rising fear of a recession, goods consumption can be delayed. We might delay the purchase of a TV, wait until next year to replace the car, or maybe hold off on that new RV purchase.

The consumption of services is harder to delay until good times return. So, families continue to pay medical, schooling, our cable TV bill, life insurance, and other items that cannot easily be deferred until the fears of a recession pass.

Demographics also play a role. Families with heads of household in their 50s and 60s spend very differently than families in their 20s and 30s, but the composition of a family are very important. Single people spend more on housing, but less on transportation or apparel than everyone else does. Married families with children spend much more on pension savings and insurance.

Family income also matters, with wealthy families increasing their spending on insurance and pensions, as well as food at home and housing. The poorest families spent a larger share on food at home and transportation services.

Strong consumer spending is a hopeful sign, because families take into account their personal economic conditions when making spending decisions. So, continued spending signals a widely held belief that the economy remains strong. With unemployment rates low, and solid wage growth, there is little to suggest consumers will spend less in the coming year. This is good news, not because that spending will cause the economy to grow, but rather that sustained consumer spending makes it less likely that we'll slip into a short-run economic downturn.

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# Open In Indiana announces new website and magazine

# Group looks to promote local people, places and events

a quarterly publication, The Open In Indiana Magazine, in their community." according to a press release.

Indiana started as an online community to promote locally owned businesses in central Indiana.

"Open In Indiana's misplaces and events that make we feature speakers and top-

Staff Report Indiana a great place to live, work and visit," stated the release. "Revised in Septem-In Indiana announced the ber 2019, our new website is launch of a new website and designed to help visitors find local businesses and events

The Open In Indiana Mag-Founded in 2017, Open In azine is a free publication featuring local people, places and events throughout the state of Indiana.

Open In Indiana hosts small business networking sion is to promote the people, events and workshops where

ics relevant to how entre- a main story about an event preneurs create, market and or timely topic, artist profile, grow their own business.

"Our recently updated website now includes the ability for entrepreneurs and business owners anywhere in the state to join," stated the release. "The new Open In Indiana website is designed to make it easy to connect with fellow entrepreneurs, find local businesses and events in your community. Open In Indiana members can create their member at local businesses beginlisting and publish events on expansion planned for future our event calendar."

Indiana Magazine features our website."

upcoming events and a business tip column targeted to small business owners.

"The Open In Indiana Magazine extends our content distribution beyond digital to a growing consumer audience," stated the release. "The Open In Indiana Magazine officially debuted with 10,000 copies for distribution to our members at Open In Indiana Events, profile, add their business ning in Central Indiana with issues. The magazine is also Each issue, The Open In available in digital format on

# Pathfinder Services Amramp Indiana administrator earns title

Jack Barlow awarded the designation of Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist

**Staff Report** Pathfinder Services Amramp Indiana administrator Jack Barlow has earned the designation of Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS) from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), according to a press release.

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# As robots take over warehousing, human workers pushed to adapt to new issues

BY MATT O'BRIEN

NORTH HAVEN, Conn. to working with robots in a toll on human workers' their everyday lives? The health, safety and morale. very same warehouse workers once predicted to be losing their jobs to mechanical replacements.

But doing your job side-byside with robots isn't easy. According to their makers, the machines should take on the most mundane and physically strenuous tasks. In reality, they're also creating new forms of stress and strain in the form of injuries and the unease of working in close quarters with mobile half-ton devices that direct themselves.

"They weigh a lot," Amazon worker Amanda Taillon said during the pre-Christmas rush at a company warehouse in Connecticut. Nearby, a fleet of 6-foot-tall roving robot shelves zipped around behind a chain-link fence.

Taillon's job is to enter a cage and tame Amazon's wheeled warehouse robots for long enough to pick up a fallen toy or relieve a traffic jam. She straps on a light-up utility belt that works like a superhero's force field, commanding the nearest robots to abruptly halt and the others to slow down or adjust their

Taillon says she's gotten used to working with robots something Amazon and its rivals are increasingly requiring warehouse employees to do. Amazon now has more than 200,000 robotic vehicles it calls "drives" that are moving goods through its delivery-fulfillment centers around the U.S. That's double the number it had last year and up from 15,000 units in 2014.

Its rivals have taken notice, and many are adding their own robots in a race to speed up productivity and bring down costs.

Without these fast-moving pods, robotic arms and other forms of warehouse automation, retailers say they wouldn't be able to fulfill consumer demand for packages that can land on doorsteps the day after you order

them online. But while fears that robots will replace human workers haven't come to fruition,

Warehouses powered by robotics and AI software are rolling out new models de- it's misleading to compare leading to human burnout by adding more work and upping the pressure on workers to speed up their performance, said Beth Gutelius, who studies urban economic development at the University of Illinois at Chicago and has interviewed warehouse operators around the U.S.

It's not that workers aren't getting trained on how to work with robots safely. "The problem is it becomes very difficult to do so when the productivity standards are set so high," she said.

Much of the boom in warehouse robotics has its roots in Amazon's \$775 million purchase of Massachusetts startup Kiva Systems in 2012. The tech giant re-branded it as Amazon Robotics and transformed it into an in-house laboratory that for seven years has been designing and building Amazon's robot armada.

Amazon's Kiva purchase "set the tone for all the other retailers to stand up and pay attention," said Jim Liefer, CEO of San Francisco startup Kindred AI, which makes an artificially intelligent robotic arm that grasps and sorts items for retailers such as The Gap.

A rush of venture capital and private sector investment in warehouse robotics spiked to \$1.5 billion a year in 2015 and has remained high ever since, said Rian Whitton, a robotics analyst at ABI Research.

Canadian e-commerce company Shopify spent \$450 million this fall to buy Massachusetts-based startup 6 River Systems, which makes an autonomous cart nicknamed Chuck that can follow workers around a warehouse. Other mobile robot startups are partnering with delivery giants such as FedEx and DHL

or retailers such as Walmart. Amazon this year bought another warehouse robotics startup, Colorado-based Canvas Technology, which builds

wheeled robots guided by

computer vision. Such robots

there are growing concerns would be more fully autonothat keeping up with the pace mous than Amazon's current from 28 Amazon warehouses of the latest artificial intel- fleet of caged-off vehicles, — Guess who's getting used ligence technology is taking which have to follow bar codes and previously mapped routes within warehouses.

The tech giant is also still scended from the Kiva line, including the Pegasus, a squarish vehicle with a conveyor belt on top that can be found working the earlymorning shift at a warehouse in the Phoenix suburb of Goodyear, Arizona. A crisscrossing fleet of robots carries packaged items across the floor and drops them into chutes based on the zip code of their final destination.

All of this is transforming warehouse work in a way that the head of Amazon Robotics says can "extend human capability" by shifting people to what they are best at: problem-solving, common sense and thinking on their feet.

"The efficiencies we gain from our associates and robotics working together harmoniously - what I like to call a symphony of humans and machines working together - allows us to pass along a lower cost to our customer," said Tye Brady, Amazon Robotics' chief technologist.

Brady said worker safety remains the top priority and ergonomic design is engineered into the systems at the beginning of the design stage. Gutelius, the University of Illinois researcher, said that the aspiration for symphonic human-machine operations is not always working out in

"It sounds quite lovely, but I rarely hear from a worker's perspective that that's what it feels like," she said.

Gutelius co-authored a report published this fall that found new warehouse technology could contribute to wage stagnation, higher turnover and poorer quality work behaviors.

experiences because of the way AI software can monitor and micro-manage workers' A recent journalistic investigation of injury rates at Amazon warehouses from The Center for Investigative Reporting's Reveal found

that robotic warehouses re-

ported more injuries than

those without.

Reveal looked at records in 16 states and found that the overall rate of serious injuries was more than double the warehousing industry average. Amazon has countered its rate with rivals because of the company's "aggressive stance on recording injuries no matter how big or small."

The Reveal report also found a correlation between robots and safety problems, such as in Tracy, California, where the serious injury rate nearly quadrupled in the four years after robots were introduced.

Melonee Wise, CEO of California-based Fetch Robotics, which sells its autonomous robotic carts to retailers and other clients, credits Amazon's Kiva acquisition for propelling innovation in the industry.

But she said that Amazon's system forces workers to do "un-ergonomic moves" such as reaching up high or crouching down to pick out and stow inventory into the shelves-on-wheels.

"They have robots that live in cages," she said. "Our robots are designed to work safely around people, which is a very large distinction between the two systems."

Amazon hasn't disclosed how its safety record at robot-powered warehouses compares to those without. But company officials remain optimistic that Amazon workers are adapting to the new technology.

At a visit with a reporter earlier in December to the warehouse in North Haven, Connecticut, Brady was explaining the workings of a powerful robotic arm called a "palletizer" when crates it was stacking on a pallet started tumbling over. Unfazed by the temporary malfunction, he watched as an employee disabled the machine, discovered an apparent structural weakness in the pallet, adjusted the stack of crates and let the robot get back to work.

"His ability to problemsolve that was like this," Brady said, enthusiastically snapping his fingers. "What I love about that is it's humans and machines working together."

# Here's some good financial cheer to ring in the New Year

There's so much negafinancial triumphs.

use the Thursday forum gone by March 2020." to allow people to share received last

**Singletary** 

January af- Michelle ter the end of the partial government shutdown. which lasted 35 days, the longest in history.

My savings grace:

"I was part of the most layoffs ... who knows." recent government shutdown and wanted to say voice in the back of my prepared for situations just like this. I am very thankful to have gotten through relatively unscathed, thanks exclusively to my savings. I started thank you and your chatreading your work after ters for sharing their stojust graduating and start- ries to keep me motivated ing my first salaried job, the past couple years! For and as much as I wanted anyone wondering how: to splurge, you convinced After I established an me that beyond my emer- emergency fund, I started gency fund I needed a throwing anything I could 'life-happens fund,' some- at the student loan. I saw thing I had never heard it as something I actively of before. Ironically, I needed to get out of my left that job for a 'more life, so it made it easier to secure' government job and was tempted to spend I could put towards the down some of my emer- loan. I feel like I just vangency fund because I was so sure that I was living about taking my pup to the vet or getting my car

both funds." Stuck to a strict debtpayment plan: "We were \$55,000 in debt and paid \$1,200 a month to pay it off in about four and a half years. My husband was disabled with limited income, and I worked a second, part-time job to help make ends meet. It was hard, but I'm thankful we did the hard work, as I am now debt-free aside from my mortgage. My husband passed away unexpectedly about three months before it was all paid off in mid-2018. At least I no longer have a pile of debt to deal with along with the difficulties that come with the loss of a spouse."

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Credit card debt kicked tive news that I'd like to to the curb: "I managed to end the year with some pay off a little over \$8,000 in nine months. It was Each week, I host a live tight some months, but we online discussion answer- did it. We have one more ing readers' personal fi- to go, and if my budgetnance questions. But I also ing is correct, it should be Another beat down of

their successes. Here are credit card debt: "It took just some of the testimo- two years, but we paid nies, starting with one I off \$22,000 plus. Now my husband and I have fully funded retirement accounts, a four-month emergency fund and money in our kids' college funds. As we head into what looks like some economic headwinds, I feel much more secure and know my family can survive what happens next government shutdown,

Mortgage monkey gone: "After paying for 19 years, thank you for being the my husband and I paid off our mortgage! We each mind for the last few years only have one year left that encouraged me to be on car loans and no other debt."

Student loans gone: "Paid off my student loan seven and a half years early! I just wanted to pass up on spending cash quished a foe.'

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Slow and steady won their race: "We started blessedly still able to covserious saving at age 32. Priorities were, in order: my emergency fund. I will 10 percent tithe, 20 percent savings, pay taxes, now that I've received figure out how to live on what was left. Retired six months ago with over \$2.5 million. While a good stock market has been a factor, the benefits of making savings a priority cannot be denied.

This is the evidence of what's possible. What will your testimony be in 2020?

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# Firearms instructor took out gunman at church service

BY JAKE BLEIBERG and JAMIE STENGLE

WHITE SETTLEMENT, Texas — Alarms went off in Jack Wilson's head the moment a man wearing a hat, long coat and wig walked into a Texas church for Sunday

By the time the man approached a communion server and pulled out a shotgun, Wilson and another security volunteer were already reaching for their own guns.

The attacker shot the other volunteer, Richard White, and then the server, Anton "Tony" Wallace, sending congregants scrambling for cover. The gunman was heading toward the front of the sanctuary as Wilson searched for a clear line of fire.

"I didn't have a clear window because I had members that were jumping, going chaotic," said Wilson, a 71-year-old firearms instructor who has also been a reserve sheriff's deputy. "They were standing up. I had to wait about half a second, a second, to get my shot. I fired one round. The subject went down."

Wilson's single shot quickly ended the attack that killed Wallace, 64, and White, 67, at

the West Freeway Church of church was." Christ in the Fort Worth-area town of White Settlement. He said the entire confrontation was over in no more than six seconds. More than 240 congregants were in the church at the time.

"The only clear shot I had was his head because I still had people in the pews that were not all the way down as low as they could. That was my one shot," Wilson said Monday from his home in nearby Granbury.

As Wilson approached the fallen attacker, he noticed five or six other members of the volunteer security team he had trained with their guns drawn. Wilson said they had their eyes on the man since he arrived. During the service, White and Wilson had stationed themselves at the back of the church, watching him.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Monday identified the attacker as Keith Thomas Kinnunen, 43. His

motive is under investigation. Speaking outside the church Monday, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said authorities "can't prevent mental illness from occurring, and we can't prevent every crazy person from pulling a gun. But we can be prepared like this

Britt Farmer, senior minister of the church, said Sunday, "We lost two great men today, but it could have been a lot

Wilson's described the attacker's gun as a short-barreled 12-gauge shotgun with a pistol grip. Shotguns with barrels less than 18 inches long are restricted under federal law and can be legally owned in Texas only if they are registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

After the shooting, Texas officials hailed the state's gun laws, including a measure enacted this year that affirmed the right of licensed handgun holders to carry a weapon in places of worship, unless the facility bans them.

That law was passed in the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting in Texas history, which was also at a church. In the 2017 massacre at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, a man who opened fire on a Sunday morning congregation killed more than two dozen people. He later killed himself.

Worth Star-Telegram that she sat near the gunman in White Settlement and that she had

said he was wearing what appeared to be a disguise and made her uncomfortable.

"I was so surprised because I did not know that so many in the church were armed," she

Sunday's shooting was the second attack on a religious gathering in the U.S. in less than 24 hours. On Saturday night, a man stabbed five people as they celebrated Hanukkah in an Orthodox Jewish community north of New York City.

Wallace's daughter, Tiffany Wallace, told Dallas TV station KXAS that her father was a deacon at the church.

"I ran toward my dad, and the last thing I remember is him asking for oxygen. And I was just holding him, telling him I loved him and that he was going to make it," Wallace said.

"You just wonder why? How can someone so evil, the devil, step into the church and do this," she said.

White's daughter-in-law, Misty York White, called him a hero on Facebook: "You stood up against evil and sac-Isabel Arreola told the Fort rificed your life. Many lives were saved because of your actions. You have always been a hero to us but the whole

now. We love you, we miss you, we are heartbroken."

Matthew DeSarno, the agent in charge of the FBI's Dallas office, said the assailant was "relatively transient" but had roots in the area.

Paxton said Monday that the shooter appeared to be "more of a loner." "I don't think he had a lot of connections to very many people," he said.

Investigators searched Kinnunen's home in nearby River Oaks, a small city where police said his department's only contact with the gunman was a couple traffic citations. But Kinnunen appeared to have more serious brushes in other jurisdictions. He was arrested in 2009 on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Fort Worth and in 2013 for theft, according to Tarrant County court records.

He was arrested in 2016 in New Jersey after police found him with 12-gauge shotgun and rounds wrapped in plastic in the area of an oil refinery, according to a the Herald News Tribune in East Brunswick. It was not immediately clear how those charges were resolved.

In a 2009 affidavit requesting a court-appointed attorney, Kinnunen listed having a if it did," he said.

never seen him before. She world is seeing you as a hero wife and was living with four children, according to court records. He told the court he was self-employed in landscaping and irrigation work.

White Settlement's website says it was named by local Native Americans in the 1800s for white families then settling in the area. City leaders who worried that the name detracted from the city's image proposed renaming it in 2005, but voters overwhelm-

ingly rejected the idea. Church officials planned to make a statement Monday evening following a closed meeting and prayer vigil just for church members, Farmer

Wilson said the church started the security team about 18 months ago after they moved to a new building and became concerned about crime in the area. Wilson has been a firearms instructor since 1995, spent six years in the Army National Guard and was a Hood County reserve deputy. He said some of the security team members he trained were at first even afraid to touch a firearm.

'We were aware that it could happen. Most team members there didn't feel like it would happen, but we were prepared

# Officials: Hanukkah attack suspect researched Hitler online

BY RYAN TARINELLI. JIM MUSTIAN and LARRY NEUMEISTER

MONSEY, N.Y. — A man charged with federal hate crimes Monday in a bloody attack on a Hanukkah celebration had handwritten journals containing anti-Semitic references and had recently used his phone to look up information on Hitler and the location of synagogues, authorities

said. Grafton Thomas, 37, was held without bail after appearing in federal court in White Plains on five counts of obstructing the free exercise of religious beliefs by attempting to kill with a dangerous weapon. Five people were stabbed and slashed in the Saturday attack north of New York City.

A blood-stained 18-inch machete was recovered from his car, along with a knife smeared with dried blood and hair, prosecutors said in a criminal complaint.

Thomas, his ankles shackled, shuffled into the courtroom in a prison jumpsuit, telling a judge who asked him if his head was clear that he was "not clear at all" and needed sleep. But he added: "I

His court-appointed attorney, Susanne Brody, said Thomas has struggled with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. Another attorney retained by his family, Michael Sussman, said Thomas had been hearing voices and may have stopped taking psychiatric medications recently.

The stabbings on the seventh night of Hanukkah came amid a series of violent attacks targeting Jews in the region that have led to increased security, particularly around religious gatherings.

A criminal complaint said journals recovered from Thomas' home in Greenwood Lake included comments questioning "why ppl mourned for anti-Semitism when there is Semitic genocide" and a page with drawings of a Star of David and a swastika.

A phone recovered from his car included repeated internet searches for "Why did Hitler hate the Jews" as well "German Jewish Temples near me" and "Prominent companies founded by Jews in America," the complaint said.

On the day of the stabbings, the phone's browser was used to access an article titled:

"New York City Increases Police Presence in Jewish Neighborhoods After Possible Anti-Semitic Attacks. Here's What To Know," the complaint said.

Sussman told reporters he visited Thomas' home and found stacks of notes he described as "the ramblings of a disturbed individual" but nothing to point to an "anti-Semitic motive" or suggest Thomas intentionally targeted the rabbi's home.

"My impression from speaking with him is that he needs serious psychiatric evaluation," Sussman said. "His explanations were not terribly coherent."

Thomas' family said he was raised to embrace tolerance but has a long history of mental illness, including multiple hospitalizations.

"He has no history of like violent acts and no convictions for any crime," his family said in a statement. "He has no known history of anti-Semitism and was raised in a home which embraced and respected all religions and races. He is not a member of any hate groups."

Thomas served in the Marines and was president of

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Queens, Sussman said. He hood of Brooklyn and "lived Geoffrey S. Berman said attended William Paterson University between 2005 and 2007, the university confirmed, where he played football as a walk-on running

mental health deteriorated over the years. He would hear voices and have trouble completing sentences at times. Thomas said a voice talked to him about property that was in the rabbi's house, according to Sussman.

In court papers filed in a 2013 eviction case in Utah, Thomas said he suffered from schizophrenia, depression and anxiety and his "conditions are spontaneous and un-

Thomas was arrested within two hours of the Saturday night attack in Monsey. When police pulled his car over in Manhattan, he had blood all over his clothing and smelled of bleach but said "almost nothing" to the arresting officers, officials said.

Thomas' aunt told The Associated Press that he had a "germ phobia" and obsessively washed his hands and feet with bleach.

She said Thomas grew up in his class at a high school in the Crown Heights neighbor-

peacefully" among Jewish neighbors. She said Thomas had not been taking his medication and recently went missing for a week.

The woman spoke on the Thomas' family said his condition of anonymity out of fear she would lose her government job for speaking

'They're making him look like this monster," she said in a telephone interview. "My nephew is not a monster. He's just sick. He just needs help."

According to the complaint, Thomas, a scarf covering his face, entered the rabbi's home next door to a synagogue and said "no one is leaving." He then took out a machete and started stabbing and slashing people in the home packed with dozens of congregants, the complaint said.

The five victims suffered serious injuries - including a severed finger, slash wounds and deep lacerations – and at least one was in critical condition with a skull fracture, the complaint said.

On Sunday, Thomas pleaded not guilty to charged including five counts of attempted murder. He was detained on \$5 million bail.

In a release, U.S. Attorney

Thomas "targeted his victims in the midst of a religious ceremony, transforming a joyous Hanukkah celebration into a scene of carnage and pain."

Thomas' criminal history includes an arrest for assaulting a police horse, according to an official briefed on the investigation who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity. A lawyer representing Thomas at the arraignment said he had no convictions.

The criminal complaint said one passage in Thomas' journals stated that the "Hebrew Israelites" took from the "ebidnoid Israelites." The FBI agent who wrote the complaint said that appeared to be a reference to the Black Hebrew Israelite movement, some branches of which have been associated with anti-Semitism.

The attack was the latest in a string of violence targeting Jews in the region, including a Dec. 10 massacre at a kosher grocery store in New Jersey. Last month in Monsey, a man was stabbed while walking to a synagogue. No arrest has been made in that stabbing.

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less than an inch could present problems

"That could cause some slick spots on area roads," he said.

Dodson said the graupel, which is also known as soft hail, was part of the wintry mix Monday.

"It can happen when you get the effects of rapid temperature changes," he said.

Dodson said Tuesday accumulations would be more likely to stick to the roads as low temperatures overnight would be in the upper 20s. He said after that, things would warm up until rain was forecast Thursday.

### Flood warning

A flood warning was also issued Monday in northern Indiana for the Eel River at North Manchester affecting bash and Whitley counties.

"Recent rainfall of 1 to 1.75 inches of rain has resulted in rising waters on the Eel River at North Manchester. The river is forecast to be very near, or just over, minor flood stage tonight," stated the warning. "Never drive vehicles through flooded areas. The water may be too deep to allow safe passage."

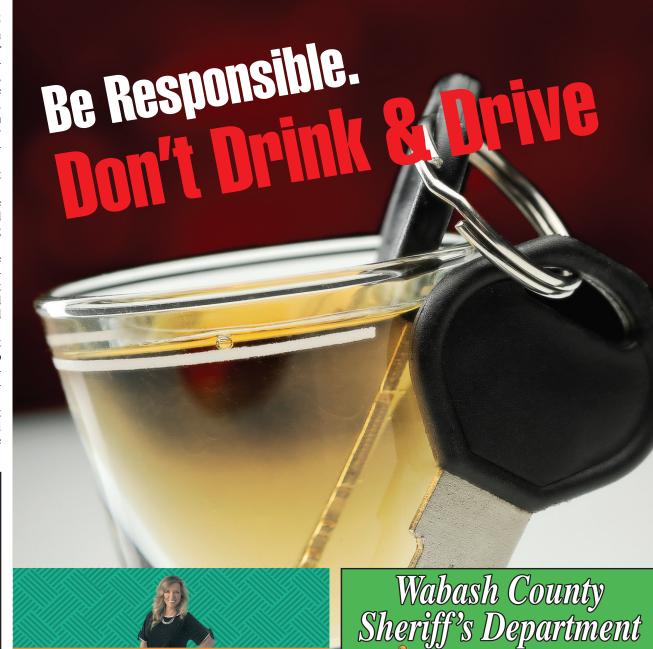
The flood warning will last through Wednesday morning.

"At 9 a.m. Monday the stage was 9.5 feet and rising," stated the warning. "Minor flooding is forecast. Flood stage is 11 feet. The river will rise above flood stage Monday evening and crest near 11.2 feet around 1 a.m. Tuesday and fall below flood stage around 7 a.m. Tuesday.

The most recent crest at this flood stage dates back to June 21, 2016, when a measurement of 11.5 feet was recorded.

At 11 feet, the river is at flood stage, minor agricultural





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Sports

#### **Sports editor** apologizes for tweeting 'scalps' after game

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (AP) - A sports editor for a New Mexico newspaper apologized this week after using "scalps" in a tweet to describe a high school basketball team defeating a team with Native American student-athletes.

Hobbs News-Sun Sports Editor Jason Farmer said Friday the tweet was "very inappropriate and completely insensitive."

The world "scalp" has a racist history as white settlers regularly cut off pieces of Native Americans' heads after killing them. The body parts were later publicly displayed as trophies and as scare tactics to other tribes to subject themselves to white supremacy. Farmer acknowledged that using the word was not within the standard of journalism or "common decency." The apology came after Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez and Vice President Myron Lizer criticized Farmer's social media post describing the outcome of a game between the Hobbs High School Eagles and the Shiprock Chieftains.

The Eagles defeated the Chieftains, 95-39, in the Hobbs Holiday Tournament on Thursday.

### **Dolphins star** cornerback arrested on battery charge

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins cornerback Xavier Howard was arrested Sunday night on a domestic battery charge following an argument with his fiance over the purchase of a purse, according to a police report. Howard, who missed much of the 2019 season with a knee injury, remained in the Broward County Jail early Monday with bond set at \$3,000, jail records showed.

The police report from Davie, Florida, in suburban Fort Lauderdale said the argument became physical when Howard grabbed his fiance's arm and pushed her against a mirrored glass in the hallway of their bedroom. He let her go, causing her to fall to the floor on her right arm, which landed on his crutches, the report said.

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### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



CELEBRATE: Wabash's Elijah Vander Velden celebrates after a hitting a layup during the first half of Saturday's Wabash County Tournament championship game against Manchester.

# **Apaches repeat behind** Vander Velden's dominance

**BY JACOB RUDE** 

Entering the Wabash County Tournament, the Wabash boys' basketball team had heard and felt the footsteps of county teams closing in on them following their slow start to the 2019-20 season. By weekend's end, the Apaches had sent a message to the rest of the county.

They are still Wabash. They

are still champions. After sweeping county, conference and sectional titles last season, the 2019-20 season had been anything but a convincing start. Put to the knife over the weekend, Wabash answered the bell. The Apaches first overcame a halftime deficit to Southwood on Friday with a sterling second

half before one-upping that found themselves trailing performance with a thorough dismantling of Manchester in the final to repeat as champi-

ons with an 80-45 win. "I just thought our mental preparation, I don't know what happened, there was no magic done (Friday) at halftime," Wabash head coach Paul Wright said of the weekend. "I don't know what they did but it's all on them but that's the biggest thing we've struggled with this year is mentally preparing and I thought we did a good job tonight. That's what we try to tell them is 'You have to mentally prepare for ever scenario' and I thought the guys did a good job of the mental preparation leading up to this game."

On Friday, the Apaches

Southwood 27-19 at the half, a lead that grew to 29-19 after a basket from Connor Rich. But the ensuing nearly seven minutes saw Wabash score 17 unanswered points, completely overturning the deficit to take control of the contest and eventually earn

the win. Twenty-four hours later, the Apaches met a Manchester side that has routinely tested them like few other teams have in recent years for a chance to repeat as county champions. But unlike the last meeting between the two sides, a thrilling showdown in the sectional final that came down to the final seconds,

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## **Bill Rogge Sportsmanship Awards**

JV - Jaxton Peas, Northfield Varsity - Weston Hamby, Manchester

#### **All-Tournament Team**

Clayton Tomlinson, North-Carson Rich, Southwood

Weston Hamby, Manches-Max Carter, Manchester

Trenton Daughtry, Wa-Dereck Vogel, Wabash

### **Tournament MVP**

Elijah Vander Velden, Wabash

**NFL** 

# Reich hoping season's challenges make Colts better team

BY MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer

The Indianapolis Colts started this season with Andrew Luck's impromptu retirement announcement.

They finished it with a

For the fourth time in five years they missed the playoffs, and for the second time in three years they finished with a losing record - this time after starting 5-2.

"A lot of things happened ... at the beginning of the year, things that we weren't planning to happen and they happened," said Jacoby Brissett, Luck's replacement. "To me, I think we had a good year, to surprise the way we did. Like I said, if we fix our little mistakes, three or four games, we win those games."

And make the playoffs. This season's continual twists and turns consistently tested the Colts' mettle.

Indy's franchise quarterback gave his impromptu farewell speech just minutes after the third preseason, leaving the field to a crescendo of boos as word leaked about his decision.

Adam Vinatieri, generally regarded as the best clutch kicker in league history, faced retirement rumors as he struggled through the worst season of his career.

Indy's two 2018 All-Pros, linebacker Darius Leonard and Quenton Nelson, both contended with concussions. Five receivers finished the season on injured reserve and that didn't even include four-time Pro Bowler T.Y. Hilton, who missed a career-high six games with various inju-

ries. Brissett, meanwhile, was never the same after hurting his left knee on Nov. 3. As his completion percentage dropped and the turnovers mounted, the losses

piled up. As a result, Indy went 2-7

in its last nine games. No, the Colts didn't come close to meeting the preseason hype of AFC dark horse — but, of course, most prognosticators anticipated Luck continuing his comeback.

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# HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

# Hoover's hot shooting leads Norse to county repeat



JACOB RUDE/PLAIN DEALER

ty Tournament final against Manchester.

THREE: Northfield's Emma Hoover shoots a threepointer during the first half of Saturday's Wabash Coun-

# **BY JACOB RUDE**

The Northfield girls' basketball coaching staff knew that Emma Hoover was due to break out of her shooting slump. She hardly could have picked a better time to finally catch fire.

In search of a secondconsecutive Wabash County Tournament title against Manchester in the final on Saturday, Hoover was unstoppable in the first half, hitting five three-pointers and scoring 17 points to lead the Norse to a 48-39 win and

earn tournament MVP hon-"Huge," Norse head coach Melissa Allen said of Hoover's impact on the night. "She hadn't been shooting it the best the last few games and we knew one of these games she was going to get hot and this was a heck of a game for that to happen. She's capable of doing that

game helped us out a lot."

Coming into the game having shot just 3-of-15 from three in her last three games, Hoover opened the game with a three-pointer. Her second three-pointer in the opening period banked in from straightaway and gave Northfield an 8-3 lead. The Squires continued

scrapping away, though, and eventually headed into the second quarter up 11-10 after baskets from Makenzy Meyer and Kiera Hatfield and free throws from Mackenzie Day.

Hoover was just getting warmed up though as she followed a Baker basket with another three-pointer, giving the Norse a 15-11 lead. Manchester responded with three-pointers from Hatfield and Emma Garriott to retake the lead.

Hoover's coup de grâce came in the form of back-toback three-pointers in a span of only seconds. After knocking down a wing three-pointevery game but doing it this er to put Northfield ahead 18-17, the Squires would

#### **Bill Rogge Sportsmanship Award** JV - Alaina Winer, South-

wood Varsity - Bailey Mooney, Manchester

# **All-Tournament Team**

Ashley Smith, Southwood Alivia Short, Wabash Kiera Hatfield, Manchester Mackenzie Day, Manchester Addi Baker, Northfield

Kearston Stout, Northfield

**Tournament MVP** Emma Hoover, Northfield

immediately turn the ball over thanks to the Norse's full-court pressure. Hoover collected the loose ball and hoisted another three-pointer that found the bottom of the net yet again.

The two three-pointers kickstarted a 12-0 run to close the half and gave the Norse a

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# **SCOREBOARD**

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL Indiana boys basketball how they fared

Class 4A
1. Lawrence North (8-0) beat Indpls Tindley

2. Bloomington South (10-0) beat Indpls Home School 80-48, beat Greensburg 75-48, beat Zionsville 59-38.

3. Lafayette Jeff (8-1) lost to Lawrence Central 78-60, beat Heritage Hills 78-69. 4. Lawrence Central (7-1) beat Ben Davis 83-55, beat Lafayette Jeff 78-60, beat Silver Creek 63-31.

5. Warren Central (7-0) beat New Haven

92-54, beat Merrillville 62-56, beat Leo 49-42. 6. Floyd Central (6-1) idle.

7. Fishers (11-0) beat New Palestine 74-55, beat Bloomington North 46-35, beat Scottsburg 58-44, beat University 58-44. 8. Brownsburg (8-1) beat Muncie Central

9. Westfield (6-0) idle. 10. S. Bend Adams (9-1) beat Franklin Central 74-67, beat Kokomo 57-40, lost to Jeffersonville 44-52.

Class 3A

1. Silver Creek (8-1) beat Heritage Hills 82-79. OT. lost to Lawrence Central 63-31. 2. Heritage Hills (5-3) lost to Silver Creek 82-78, OT, lost to Lafayette Jeff 78-69. 3. Connersville (8-2) lost to S. Bend Washington 49-47, lost to Valparaiso 55-52, beat Eastern (Greentown) 41-29.

4. Danville (9-1) beat Franklin 80-37, beat

Oldenburg 64-31.

5. Norwell (8-0) beat Bluffton 71-43, beat Adams Central 60-35.

6. Greensburg (6-2) beat Portage 79-56, lost to Bloomington South 75-48, beat Richmond 78-76, 30T.

7. Indpls Brebeuf (5-2) lost to Beech Grove 77-74, OT . 8. S. Bend St. Joseph's (7-1) beat LaPorte

69-51, beat Twin Lakes 87-64. 9. Delta (6-1) beat Alexandria 67-38. 10. N. Harrison (6-2) beat Boonville 59-47 lost to South Spencer 65-51, beat Tell City

#### Class 2A

1. Linton-Stockton (8-0) beat Shakamak 85-60, beat West Vigo 68-61, beat Terre Haute South 56-54.

2. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (8-1) beat Chesterson 67-56, beat Northridge 84-75, beat Columbus North 62-59. 3. Blackford (6-2) beat Southridge 57-54, OT, lost to Barr-Reeve 78-56, lost to Loogootee 79-63

4. Shenandoah (5-1) beat Anderson 93-58. 5. Prairie Hts. (9-0) beat West Noble 58-38. 6. Ev. Mater Dei (6-1) idle. 7. Tipton (10-1) beat Traders Point Christian 75-43, beat Covenant Christian 52-44.

8. S. Decatur (10-0) beat North White o. S. Decatur (10-0) beat North write 93-86, beat Hagerstown 115-105, beat Jac-Cen-Del 94-66. 9. Paoli (8-1) beat Shoals 67-61, beat Orleans 51-46, beat New Washington 61-26. 10. Indpls Howe (6-2) lost to Providence

Cristo Rey 62-56.

Class A

1. Barr-Reeve (8-0) beat Blackford 78-56, beat North Daviees 48-42. 2. Gary 21st Century (8-2) beat Mooresville 55-53, beat Perry Meridian 58-48, beat

Lowell 71-54. 3. Greenwood Christian (9-0) beat Southwestern (Shelbyville) 62-40, beat Northeastern 83-52, beat Monrovia 62-56. 4. Bloomfield (5-0) idle.

5. Kouts (6-0) idle.6. Covington (5-2) idle. 7. Loogootee (8-2) lost to North Daviees 37-35, beat Blackford 79-63. 8. Lafavette Catholic (5-2) idle

9. Providence Cristo Rey (8-0) beat Indpls 10. Dubois (5-3) beat South Central (Elizabeth) 63-56, lost to East Central 53-48, lost to Forest Park 65-55.

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Jac-Cole 14 pass from Minshew (Lambo kick), 5:42. Ind-Mack 8 run (McLaughlin kick), 2:11.

Ind-FG McLaughlin 50, :39. Jac-FG Lambo 56, :00. Third Quarter Jac-Armstead 3 pass from Minshew (Westbrook pass from Minshew), 8:27. Fourth Quarter

Jac-Campbell 8 fumble return (Lambo kick), 9:28. Jac-Westbrook 18 pass from Minshew (Lambo kick), 4:42.

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#### ON THE AIR

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** 12 p.m. (MEN'S)

12 p.m. ESPNU: Georgia Tech at Florida State

2 p.m.

**ESPNU:** Temple at Central Florida 4 p.m.

**ACCN:** Miami at Clemson 4:30 p.m.

**CBSSN:** The Arizona Bowl: Georgia State vs. Wyoming, Tucson, Ariz. 5:30 p.m.

FS1: Georgetown at Providence

6 p.m. ACCN: Boston College at Duke

7 p.m. BTN: Rider at Wisconsin 7:30 p.m. FS1: Butler at St. John's

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S) 1 p.m.

BTN: Nebraska at Michigan State 3 p.m.

**BTN:** Indiana at Rutgers 5 p.m. BTN: Maryland at North-

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL** 

**ESPN:** The Belk Bowl: Virginia Tech vs. Kentucky, Charlotte, N.C.

2 p.m. **CBS:** The Sun Bowl: Florida State vs. Arizona State, El Paso, Texas 3:45 p.m.

**ESPN:** The Liberty Bowl: Navy vs. Kansas State,

Memphis, Tenn. 4:30 p.m. **CBSSN:** The Arizona

Bowl: Georgia State vs. Wyoming, Tucson, Ariz. 7:30 p.m.

**ESPN:** The Alamo Bowl: Utah vs. Texas, San Antonio. Texas

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL** 

11 p.m. ESPN2: Under Armour All-America Game: Skills

Challenge, Orlando, Fla. (taped) **NBA BASKETBALL** 

7 p.m. **NBATV:** Denver at Houston

**NHL HOCKEY** 9 p.m. NHLN: NY Rangers at

3-22, Johnson 2-31, Alie-Cox 1-15, Pascal 1-10, Doyle 1-6, Inman 1-6. Jacksonville, Westbrook 7-72, Armstead 5-52, Chark

### 4-34, Cole 3-67, Conley 3-38, Ozigbo 3-23, C.Jones 1-5, DeValve 1-4. MISSED FIELD GOALS-None.

Men's AP top 25 poll The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 29, total points based on 25 points for a firstplace vote through one point for a 25th-place

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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2. Duke (1)	11-1	1516	4
3. Kansas (1)	10-2	1497	5
4. Oregon	11-2	1361	
5. Ohio St.	11-2	1277	2
6. Baylor	9-1	1267	6 2 7
7. Louisville	11-2	1196	3
8. Auburn	12-0	1159	8
9. Memphis	11-1	1055	9
10. Villanova	9-2	970	10
11. Butler	12-1	883	12
12. Michigan	10-3	880	11
13. San Diego St.	13-0	780	15
<ol><li>14. Michigan St.</li></ol>	10-3	747	14
15. Maryland	11-2	720	13
16. West Virginia	11-1	719	22
17. Kentucky	9-3	674	19
18. Florida St.	11-2	531	17
19. Virginia	10-2	506	16
20. Dayton	10-2	483	18
21. Penn St.	11-2	312	20
22. Texas Tech	9-3	175	23
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24. Wichita St.	11-1	135	-
25. Arizona	10-3	113	24
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3, Virginia Tech 3, ETSÚ 2, Seton Hall 2, BYU 2, Stanford 1, Yale 1, Florida 1.

Women's AP top 25 poll The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with firstplace votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 29, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a

25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

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1. UConn (19)	10-0	722	1
2. Oregon (5)	10-1	703	2
3. Oregon St. (5)	12-0	680	3
4. South Carolina (1)	12-1	661	4
5. Stanford	11-1	622	5
6. Baylor	9-1	614	6
7. Louisville	12-1	576	7
8. Florida St.	13-0	560	8
9. NC State	12-0	503	9
10. UCLA	12-0	497	10
11. Texas A&M	12-1	445	11
12. Maryland	10-2	406	12
13. Kentucky	11-1	376	13
14. Indiana	11-2	344	14
<ol><li>15. Mississippi St.</li></ol>	12-2	341	15
16. DePaul	11-2	291	16
17. Gonzaga	12-1	274	17
18. Arizona	12-0	265	18
19. West Virginia	9-1	207	19
<ol><li>Arkansas</li></ol>	12-1	162	20
<ol><li>Missouri St.</li></ol>	9-2	116	21
22. Tennessee	10-2	98	22
23. Miami	9-3	62	24
24. Minnesota	11-1	50	-
25. Texas	8-4	46	25
Others receiving vo			
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4, Arizona St. 1, Mic	higan S	t. 1, Texa	is Ted
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# Sunday's men's result

# ARKANSAS 71, INDIANA 64

**ARKANSAS (11-1)**Joe 7-20 4-4 24, Bailey 1-6 1-2 3, Whitt 3-5 1-2 7, Jones 8-17 1-1 21, Sills 3-9 2-2 10, Chaney 3-4 0-0 6, Harris 0-1 0-1 0, Notae 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-62 9-12 71.

INDIANA (11-2) Jackson-Davis 8-12 4-9 20, Green 5-16 0-0 14, Brunk 4-8 0-0 8, Smith 2-4 2-2 6, Phinisee 1-3 2-4 5, Franklin 2-8 1-3 5, Anderson 0-3 0-0 0, Thompson 2-3 0-0 4, Durham 1-2 0-0 2, Davis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals

25-60 9-18 64. Halftime-Indiana 38-33. 3-Point Goals-Arkansas 12-31 (Joe 6-17, Jones 4-9, Sills 2-4, Harris 0-1), Indiana 5-21 (Green 4-12, Phinisee 1-2, Thompson 0-1, Anderson 0-2, Franklin 0-4). Fouled Out-Sills. Rebounds-Arkansas 32 (Bailey 8), Indiana 40 (Brunk 11). Assists-Arkansas 11 (Jones 6), Indiana 12 (Green 3). Total Fouls-Arkansas 19,

# **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**Bowl glance** Thursday, Dec. 26 Independence Bowl Shreveport, La. Louisiana Tech 14, Miami 0 **Quick Lane Bowl Detroit** Pittsburgh 34, Eastern Michigan 30 Friday, Dec. 27 Military Bowl Annapolis, Md North Carolina 55. Temple 13

**Pinstripe Bowl** New York Michigan State 27, Wake Forest 21 Texas Bowl Houston

Texas A&M 24. Oklahoma State 21 Holiday Bowl San Diego lowa 49, Southern Cal 24 Cheez-It Bowl

Phoenix Air Force 31, Washington State 21 Saturday, Dec. 28
Camping World Bowl Orlando, Fla

e 33, Iowa State 9 Cotton Bowl Classic Arlington, Texas Penn State 53, Memphis 39
Peach Bowl

Atlanta CFP Semifinal: LSU 63, Oklahoma 28 Fiesta Bowl Glendale, Ariz. Clemson 29, Ohio State 23

Monday, Dec. 30

Edmonton

#### First Responder Bowl

Dallas
Western Kentucky 23, Western Michigan 20 Music City Bowl Nashville, Tenn.

Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Louisville (7-5) Redhox Rowl Santa Clara, Calif. Illinois (6-6) vs. California (7-5)

Orange Bowl Miami Gardens, Fla. Florida (10-2) vs. Virginia (9-4) Tuesday, Dec. 31
Belk Bowl Charlotte, N.C.

Kentucky (7-5) vs. Virginia Tech (8-4), Noon Sun Bowl

El Paso, Texas Florida State (6-6) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 2 p.m. (CBS) Liberty Bowl Memphis, Tenn

Kansas State (8-4) vs. Navy (10-2), 3:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Arizona Bowl Tucson, Ariz. Wyoming (7-5) vs. Georgia State (7-5), 4:30 p.m. (CBSSN) Alamo Bowl

**San Antonio** Texas (7-5) vs. Utah (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Jan. 1 Citrus Bowl Orlando, Fla.

Michigan (9-3) vs. Alabama (10-2), 1 p.m.

(ABC) Outback Bowl Tampa, Fla. Minnesota (10-2) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Rose Bowl Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 5 p.m.
(ESPN)

Sugar Bowl New Orleans Georgia (11-2) vs. Baylor (11-2), 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 2 Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl Cincinnati (10-3) vs. Boston College (6-6), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

**Gator Bowl Jacksonville, Fla.** Indiana (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 3 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Ohio (6-6) vs. Nevada (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) **Saturday, Jan. 4** Armed Forces Bowl Fort Worth, Texas

Southern Miss (7-5) vs. Tulane (6-6), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN) Monday, Jan. 6 Lendingtree Bowl Mobile, Ala.

Miami (Ohio) (8-5) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (10-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Jan. 13 College Football Championship New Orleans

Clemson (14-0) vs. Louisiana State (14-0),

# NBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE** Atlantic Division Boston 22 .733 1½ 1½ Philadelphia .657 .667 12 11 Toronto Brooklyn 16 9 15 .516 61/2 .273 Southeast Division 8 18 .438 .371 12½ 14½ 13 9 22 22

Miami Orlando Charlotte Washington Atlanta 6 27 .182 **Central Division** Milwaukee 29 5 12 .636 .394 .364 71/2 Indiana 21 13 20 12 21 Chicago Detroit 161/2 d 10 22 .313 WESTERN CONFERENCE **Southwest Division** 

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L.A. Lakers 26 23 7 11 .676 L.A. Clippers .375 13½ .364 14 .265 17½ Phoenix 12 20 12 21 12 21 9 25 Sacramento 12 Golden State Sunday's Games Oklahoma City 98, Toronto 97 Memphis 117, Charlotte 104 New Orleans 127, Houston 112 Denver 120, Sacramento 115

L.A. Lakers 108. Dallas 95 **Monday's Games** Atlanta at Orlando Miami at Washington Brooklyn at Minnesota Milwaukee at Chicago Detroit at Utah

Today's Games Boston at Charlotte, 3 p.m. Philadelphia at Indiana, 3 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 5 p.m. Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m. Denver at Houston, 7 p.m. Golden State at San Antonio, 7 p.m. Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m

Wednesday's Games Orlando at Washington, 6 p.m. Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m. Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Thursday's Games Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m. Denver at Indiana, 7 p.m. Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Brooklyn at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Detroit at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.



nament title after defeating Manchester in the final.



JACOB RUDE/Plain Dealer

While Southwood initially

pushed the lead to 26-18 in

the third, Manchester rough

back and pulled within two

points on a two on a Maddox

Zoltan basket to close the

gap to 29-27 late in the third.

Knights scored the final six

points of the third quarter and

the opening seven points of

the second. Brayden Jones'

basket late in the fourth did

little to slow Southwood as

the Knights knocked down

their freebies to ice the game

wood dominated.

From that point on, South-

TITLE: Southwood's girls' JV team poses with the team title after winning the Wabash County Tournament title over Northfield.

# Knights sweep JV county titles

**BY JACOB RUDE** 

Southwood ruled the morning on Saturday in the JV championship games at the Wabash County Tournament. To kick off the morning, the Knight girls' basketball team scored the first 13 points and 18 of the first 21 to dominate the Norse from start to finish for a 45-27 win.

Four separate Knights scored in the opening period as Southwood raced to a 20-3 and a 15-point advantage by the end of the quarter. The Norse steadied and traded baskets for much of the remainder of the contest but the lead never dipped below 15 points the remainder of the morning.

Three Knights finished with at least nine points, led by Bailey Wyatt's 12 the second period.

points. Alaina Winer had 11 points and MaKenna Younce chipped in nine. Maci Buzzard had 10 for Northfield in the losing effort.

In the consolation game, Manchester knocked off the Apaches by winning the final three quarters by 16 points to earn a 47-37 win.

In the second game of the afternoon in the main gym, the Knight boys' JV basketball team finished strong with a 20-2 run late in the second half to win going away, 49-31, over Manchester.

away. In total, Southwood outscored Manchester 14-4 in The two sides were close for much the first half the fourth and 20-4 after the and into the third quarter. Southwood led just 20-15 after the opening two quarters after a combined nine

game reached 29-27. Chase Lopez had a gamehigh 18 points for Southwood while Isaiah Sutton points from the two sides in had 11. Jones finished with

# NORSE

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lead they would never relinguish as they headed into the intermission up 27-17.

"They're just working

their butts off," Allen said. "The pressure is on them this year after having such a great season last year. I know they're feeling the pressure of having to win like they did last and I get that. But winning this, I hope that takes some of the pressure off and they can see how good they can be." The Squires threatened briefly at times in the second half, cutting the lead to six points in the third period before a pair of Baker baskets, the latter a threepointer. Northfield opened the fourth with three straight buckets to open up

a 38-25 lead.

The lead did dip as low as five points for a short span after two freebies from Day with 1:13 left in the contest at 44-39. But Northfield iced the game away at the line, finishing 10-of-15 at the line for the contest. "It just tells me who I want when the pressure comes," Allen said of her team's performance at the line in the fourth. There's probably three or four of them now that we can say 'Yeah,

you shoot (free throws)."" To get to the championship game, the Norse had to exact revenge on a Wabash side that had knocked them off one week prior on Friday. After leading by just two points after one quarter, Northfield outscored the Apaches 12-3 in the second period to springboard its way to a dominat-

12 for Manchester.

ing 49-30 win. Hoover led all scorers in that contest with 21 points. Baker had eight points and nine rebounds in the win over Wabash and 13 points and seven rebounds in the final. The Squires pulled off a memorable comeback to earn a spot in the final. Trailing Southwood 24-14 early in the third quarter, Manchester outscored the Knights 41-14 the remainder of the contest to win going away on the night, 45-38. Ranissa Shambarger and Morgan Parrett each

had 12 points in that win. In the consolation game, Wabash easily handled the Knights behind 15 points from both Alivia Short and Libby Mattern, the latter connecting on five threepointers, to win 53-42. Mariah Wyatt pulled down 13 rebounds in the win.

# **APACHES**

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Wabash left no doubt in Saturday's showdown. After a back-and-forth first

period that saw Wabash hold a 16-9 lead, the Apaches blew the game open in the second period by outscoring the Squires 23-13, opening up a 39-22 lead by halftime. Wabash drove home the

dagger in the third period, using an 8-0 run early to build the lead to 49-26 after consecutive scores from Elijah Vander Velden. Wabash scored the final eight points of the quarter, the final three coming on a pull-up three-pointer from Trenton Daughtry to beat the buzzer and give the Apaches a 61-31 lead. "Our gameplan, we had it in place and Manchester is a really good team so we knew we had to play well to execute it," Wright said. "I thought we did a pretty

good job executing. Our big-

gest thing is we have to re-

bound. If we can rebound, we can get out and push and I thought we did a good job of doing that tonight...and it led to some easy offense. The kids did a great job." Vander Velden was domi-

nant on the weekend, starting with a stellar second half on Friday. The center scored 25 of his 29 points in the third and fourth periods, 14 of those coming in the third period. He added the first six

points of the fourth quarter, building Wabash's lead to 46-33 in the process. The senior big man also ripped down 15 rebounds to help secure the win. One night later, Vander

Velden scored 21 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and swatted a pair of shots in the victory. "He was huge for us," Wright said of Vander Velden's weekend performance. "He anchors our defense for us. Around the rim, he has some really good post moves. Tonight,

he shot his free throws really

well. And our guys get him the ball. I think Trenton and Dereck and Jasper and Joe, all of them were just feeding him the ball and Elijah did a good job of finishing. And tonight, I thought he did a good job of kicking it out when they were doubling tonight. "He's definitely a big part

if we want to be really good and successful. He played pretty well this weekend." Manchester arrived in

the title game after throttling Northfield in the semifinal, winning 73-40. Thane Creager had 18 points and Weston Hamby 13. In the final, Hamby had 18 points and Austin Underwood had

In the consolation game, Southwood made easy work of Northfield, winning 90-33 behind a 36-point outburst from Carson Rich. The 90 points is the most scored by Southwood in the rivalry and the 57-point margin of victory is the largest in the series by either team.

### **COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

# Joe, Jones lead Arkansas to road win at Indiana, 71-64

**BY PHILLIP B. WILSON** Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, — Undersized but not outgunned, Arkansas was determined to take their best shots at Indiana on Sunday night.

That meant a 3-point barrage, for better or for worse. It's why the Razorbacks fell behind by double digits when those shots weren't falling, and also explains how Arkansas rallied to a 71-64 road win with a late surge from long range.

survive," said Arkansas first-year coach Eric Musselman, whose team trailed 50-39 with 16:04 remain-

Razorbacks field a starting lineup of four only two-point basket tying

guards and a tallest player the game at 61. Jones, who defense. at 6-foot-6, so perimeter play is vital. Sophomore guard Isaiah Joe started the comeback with one of his a 67-62 lead with 2:01 resix 3-pointers. Junior guard Mason Jones hit four.

"Me and Mason, we feed off of each other," Joe said. "For a quick second, I felt like everything I threw up was going to go in. I'm a shooter, so I'm going to keep shooting the ball no matter what."

Arkansas made 12-of-31 "We had to make 3s to from beyond the arc, but most importantly 8-of-17 in the second half.

> "We need (Joe) to make threes," Musselman said, 'or we're going to struggle." Joe scored 24 points, his

hard to match up with when we're knocking down 3s." Arkansas (11-1) limited Indiana (11-2) to just three

scored 21, sank 3-pointers

on back-to-back posses-

sions to give the visitors

maining as part of a 17-1

"Every game, we hear the

same thing: 'How is Arkan-

sas going to match up with people?" Musselman said.

"Well, they also have to

match up with us because

we play four guards and we

space the floor and we're

run down the stretch.

points in the final 8:08. "Our offense let us down," Indiana coach Archie Miller

"You're playing against some really good shooters, some guys who can really stretch the floor and put you on islands," Miller said. "Inevitably they made some timely ones to not only hang in, they also made some big ones to go up and give them some confidence."

The Hoosiers hurt themselves by missing half of their 18 free throws and were just 2 of 8 on 3-pointers. It also didn't help that one of their best perimeter players, junior guard Aljami Durham, was ejected five minutes in for a throwing a retaliation elbow.

Indiana freshman center Trayce Jackson-Davis So, too, did the perimeter dominated inside in scor-

the first half. The Hoosiers led 38-33 at intermission. Jackson-Davis threw down his fourth dunk early in the second half. But then everything changed.

"I just need to be more aggressive, post up harder," Jackson-Davis said.

Arkansas stressed limiting his touches in the second half, and it worked.

"By eliminating Trayce Jackson-Davis' inside shot attempts and make them beat us from the perimeter, I thought it changed the game for us," Musselman said.

The matchup was a rematch of a March NIT second-round game at the same venue, which Indiana won taking how this game turned 63-60. Arkansas edged In-

ing 16 of his 20 points in diana 73-72 at home in November of 2018.

#### **BIG PICTURE**

Arkansas: While the overall record is impressive, the Razorbacks have yet to face a ranked opponent, so this road win over a quality foe mattered more. Arkansas has no choice but to rely on that 3-point shooting (12-for-31). That's why the Razorbacks trailed by so much but were able to rally for the win.

Indiana: The young Hoosiers are going to experience growing pains like this when they don't defend the perimeter effectively. Previous breakdowns seemed isolated, but there was no misaround so quickly.

# Pats to play in wild-card game, 49ers get NFC's No. 1 seed

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR. AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK -Tom Brady and the New England the postseason a week earlier than usual this year.

The defending Super Bowl champs open the playoffs during wild-card weekend for the first time since 2009 after they lost 27-24 to Miami on Sunday and Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Los Angeles Chargers 31-21 to earn a first-round bye.

"We didn't play the way we're capable of playing and it ended up costing us," Brady said. "Just too many bad mistakes.'

The Patriots (12-4) are the No. 3 overall seed in the AFC and will have to fix things in a hurry as they host Tennessee (9-7) next Saturday night.

"We've got a game next week, we've got to get ready to go," Patriots safety Devin McCourty said. "Nobody should feel sorry for us, we shouldn't feel sorry for ourselves. Our goal is to play in the playoffs. We got a shot next week at all of that."

San Francisco earned the Seahawks (11-5) on the road in the playoffs."

to open the playoffs in the wild-card round next Sunday at Philadelphia.

"It's a good step in the Patriots will be playing in right direction," Garoppolo said. "We've got a long way to go, though.'

The Titans clinched their spot by beating Houston 35-14, eliminating both Pittsburgh and Oakland in the process. All three teams had a chance at the playoffs, but Tennessee had the easiest path by needing to win — and got it against a Texans squad that rested several starters, including quarterback Deshaun Watson.

"I think it's great when you can determine whether you get to continue to play football," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said. "There was some great effort, but we're going to have to improve and play better. Everything gets harder from here on out."

The last time New England played on wild-card weekend, it lost at home to the Ravens. The Patriots have never made it to the Super Bowl with Brady and coach Bill Belichick while playing in the opening round.

ward and get ready to go or No. 1 seed and home-field the end of our season will be advantage in the NFC play- next week if we don't turn offs with a 26-21 victory at the page and play good foot-Seattle. Jimmy Garoppolo ball, way better than today," and the NFC West champion McCourty said. "Nobody 49ers (13-3) held on and feels sorry for the Patriots sent Russell Wilson and the not getting a first-round bye

Meanwhile, the Chiefs straight win. (12-4) are the No. 2 seed opening round, along with Ravens (14-2).

"We'll step back, the guys will come in tomorrow, we'll have a team meeting, I'll give them a schedule for what's going on the next week here during the bye week," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "The main thing is we get work done, but we rest up and get ready for whoever we might play."

Kansas City's victory also locked Houston into the No. 4 seed, and the Texans (10-6) will host the Buffalo Bills (10-6) next Saturday.

Despite resting several starters, including quarterback Lamar Jackson, running back Mark Ingram, guard Marshal Yanda and safety Earl Thomas, Baltimore cruised past Pittsburgh 28-10 to ride into the playoffs on a 12-game win-

"It's the best team in football in the regular season this year, but that doesn't count for anything in the "We've got to move for- next season," coach John Harbaugh said. "In the next season, we have to obviousbecome a better football

Green Bay earned a first-Detroit, the Packers' fifth streak.

"We're hot," quarterback and will be able to watch the Aaron Rodgers said. "But you've got to start all over the top-seeded Baltimore in the playoffs and it's all great football teams now, so the margin of error is even smaller."

> Rodgers and the Packers (13-3) lost out on homefield advantage with San Francisco's win, but have the No. 2 seed in the confer-

"The NFC is wide open," Rodgers said.

New Orleans routed Carolina 42-10 to finish 13-3 in the regular season, but Drew Brees and Co. then had to wait for the result of the 49ers-Seahawks game to see what their playoff path would be.

The NFC South champions will be the No. 3 seed and will host Minnesota (10-6) in the wild-card round next Sunday.

Injury-ravaged Philadelphia (9-7) won the NFC East with a 34-17 win over the New York Giants, eliminating Dallas with the victory. The Eagles, with their second division title in three years, will host the Seahawks.

"This team, when it's ly go to work this week and crunch time this time of year, we get it done," Eagles defensive tackle Tim Jernigan said after his round bye in the NFC play- team finished the schedule offs with a 23-20 victory at with a four-game winning

# **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

# Book plans to return to quarterback Irish in 2020 season

**BY JOHN FINERAN** 

Notre Dame offensive decision. "Tony Jones Jr. standout is planning to return to school. It remains to bility remaining," Kramer be seen if another will join

Quarterback Ian Book 2020 season.

College with captions, "See you in 2020" and "Go California. Irish." It also listed his lothe site of Notre Dame's season-opening game against Navy on Aug. 29 #BeatNavy.

Book, who passed for 247 yards and a touchdown in a Camping World Bowl win over Iowa State on Sathis 2016 freshman year.

So does running back run in the third quarter.

spokeswoman Clare Kramer said Monday SOUTH BEND — One that Jones has not made a does have one year of eligi-

Jones finished the season as Notre Dame's leading posted on his Instagram rusher with 857 yards on and Twitter accounts that 144 carries (6.0 average) he plans to be back for the and six touchdowns in 12 games, missing one game Book posted a signed with a sore hip. He went picture taken from Notre over 100 yards five times, Dame's win over Boston with a career-best 176 on 25 carries against Southern

If Jones returns, the Irish cation as Dublin, Ireland, running back group could include Jafar Armstrong, C'Bo Flemister, Jahmir Smith, Avery Davis and and included a hash tag Kyren Williams and fivestar incoming freshman Chris Tyree.

Book has played in 35 games for Notre Dame and is 20-3 since taking over as urday, has a redshirt season the starting quarterback in remaining after sitting out 2018. This season, he completed 240 of 399 passes (60%) for 3,034 yards and Tony Jones Jr., who rushed 34 touchdowns with six infor 135 yards against Iowa terceptions. He rushed 112 State on 11 carries, includ- times for 546 yards (second ing an 84-yard touchdown to Jones) and four touchdowns.

# Giants have fired coach Shurmur, **GM Dave Gettleman stays**

**BY TOM CANAVAN** 

AP Sports Writer

**EAST** RUTHERFORD,

Co-owner Steve Tisch is looking to take a greater role in the daily operations of the New York Giants as the organization begins a third coaching search in four years and faces criticism for retaining the general manager who hired the last coach.

The Giants once again put themselves in the postseason spotlight for the offthe-field reasons when they fired coach Pat Shurmur on Monday and elected to keep general manager Dave Gettleman despite the two combining for nine wins over the past two seasons.

Co-owner John Mara said it was a gut instinct to fire Shurmur after the Giants (4-12) lost their regular-season finale to the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Mara added the decision to keep the 68-year-old Gettleman was based on giving him the chance to finish a major overall of the roster, the scouting system and increased use of analytics while spending his first year on the job fighting cancer.

Gettleman has been criticized for some questionable trades (Odell Beckham Jr. and Leonard Williams) and his hit-and-miss free agent signings, led by tackle Nate Solder, who has been incon-

sistent.

"He does know his batting keep Gettleman. They also next season dramatically." average has to increase going forward," Mara said in putting Gettleman on the spot for next season.

Mara, Tisch and Gettleman met with Shurmur on Monday morning and informed him he was being let go with three years left on his contact. Mara and Tisch said they have been talking about the coaching situation for weeks and were in agreement of the need to change. Mara felt there were games the team could have won this season and didn't.

Mara added there is no denying the team made the wrong choices in hiring Ben McAdoo in 2016 and Shurmur in 2018.

"I think there are some very attractive candidates out there who will have interest in this job and I think we will get it right this time," Mara said of the next coach, adding he wants a leader.

Tisch, who has been somewhat of the silent co-owner working on the West Coast, plans to be more active after too many frustrating seasons.

"I am involved and I would like to be more involved. I will become more involved moving forward in 2020," said Tisch, adding the two men have a good working relationship and always reach an agreement after sharing

their different opinions. Both felt it was in the best interest to fire Shurmur and shared the responsibility for the team having 12 wins over the last three seasons.

The four-time Super Bowl champions have missed the playoffs seven times in eight

Mara and Tisch believe Gettleman has assembled a good nucleus of young players led by halfback Saquon Barkley and quarterback Daniel Jones, and updated several layers of the organi-

"We believe it would be a mistake the pull the plug on that after two years, particularly when you consider Dave spent the a major part of the first year fighting for his life," Mara said.

Shurmur had refused to speculate about his future after the game. He felt the franchise, which dates to 1925, was in better shape than when he took over in January 2018. He noted the organization now has salary cap room for free agency and draft picks, including the No. 4 overall selection in 2020.

The Giants' wins this past season were not impressive. They beat Washington (3-13) twice, Miami (5-11) and Tampa Bay (7-9).

"It's been a very frustrating four years, certainly the record indicates that, those numbers don't lie," Tisch said. "Going forward, John and I want to make sure that those numbers change in the

Shurmur came to the Giants after a successful stint as the offensive coordinator with the Minnesota Vikings, where he turned Case Keenum from an average player into a star for a year. It was hoped he would revive Eli Manning's fortunes but it never happened. The twotime Super Bowl MVP was reduced to a backup role when Jones, the No. 6 pick overall in the 2019 draft, was made the starter in Week 3 this season.

Jones was disappointed by the firing.

"Coach believed in all of us, and it's disappointing," Jones said. "I'm grateful to him for the opportunity.' Manning, in the final year

of his contract, also felt for Shurmur. He said the two had a great relationship and described the 54-year-old coach as a wonderful man. Manning said he will de-

cide his future down the road and is considering all his options, including retirement. He said it was doubtful he would return to the Giants in a backup role. Shurmur's chances of suc-

cess were hurt by a bad defense that was constantly making mistakes in the 3-4 front installed by coordinator James Bettcher.

team that made too many

His other major problem was fielding a young

# COLTS Continued from B1

But they also didn't completely collapse without fused to blame the errant their franchise quarterback, as some feared. Inyoung Colts (7-9) still have

a bright future. "We want the kind of guys who are going to play in these kinds of situations," Reich said. "Not that we want to be in this situation, but that is who these guys are. You want guys who love to play football. I mean you want guys who love to play ball and love to a critical loss Dec. 1. play together, and I think we have that."

# **QB QUESTIONS**

General manager Chris Ballard will continually face two questions between now and next September.

will he use a high draft pick on a quarterback? Brissett struggled after

returning from a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee. Last week, offensive coordinator Nick liams managed two 100-Sirianni acknowledged the injury may have impacted Brissett's accuracy. But with Brissett also

about to enter the second season of his current deal and veteran backup Brian Hoyer ineffective in his only start of the season, the Colts would be wise to consider drafting a quarter-As for Luck, he's the only

one who really knows if he'll ever return to football.

# **END OF THE ROAD?**

Vinatieri finished the season on injured reserve afsurgery on his problematic the ball.

plant leg. The injury forced him to miss the preseason and part of training camp and it never really got any better, though Vinatieri re-

kicks on a bum knee. While he wasn't the only stead, coach Frank Reich special teams who strugfound out even more about gled, the 47-year-old Vihis roster and believes the natieri isn't under contract for 2020 and he missed six extra points and eight field

goals this season. The NFL's career scoring leader already has said he hopes to return for his 25th season in the league. If he doesn't, his final kick would be the 46-yarder Tennessee blocked and returned for the go-ahead touchdown in

# **RUNNING RIGHT**

Marlon Mack finally had the breakthrough season the Colts expected. relatively He stayed

healthy, topped the 1,000yard mark for the first Will Luck return? And time, and helped the franchise rush for 2,000 yards for the first time as a team since 1994. Mack also has demonstrated his ability to catch passes, and when he went down Jonathan Wilyard games. With four starters on the

offensive line still younger than 28, Mack could be running behind one of the league's best offensive lines for the foreseeable future. **HOW TO GET IT RIGHT** 

# The Colts don't need a

massive overhaul. A promising young de-

fense improved steadily throughout the season and should only get better. Brissett demonstrated he can be an NFL starter when healthy and surrounded by good receivers, and the ter doctors recommended Colts proved they can run

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widower who was very happily married. I have decided to re-enter the dating game. I

current flame

met a very nice widow, and we connected. As I Abby was lonely, it made a big change for the better in my life. The lady I matched up

with is a won-

# Dear

derful, caring person, and we enjoy being together doing what dating folks do. We're thankful to have found each other.

She had met a man she enjoyed being with some years ago, but it was of short duration because he died. She told me they had a nice, but platonic relationship. My problem is how often she speaks about him. Something reminds her of him, and she wants to talk about it. I can understand that he might come up once in a while, but last month she mentioned him a dozen times. I don't think she does it to make me jealous, but I find it annoying.

I tried a few times subtly suggesting it would be better if she didn't mention him. I'm not sure she understands it could undermine our relationship. What to do? - Worried Widower In New England

**DEAR WIDOWER:** Address this with your lady friend as frankly as you have to me. If she values the relationship she has with you, she will stop "raising the dead" in conversation.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister did something that really bothered me. My niece (her daughter) took us to a restaurant she had heard was really good. In this restaurant, you order and pay for your meal first. My niece paid for all the meals, and we sat down at our table to await our food.

My niece had to leave the table momentarily before our order was ready. While was gone, my sister said I should reimburse her daughter because she couldn't afford to pay for all the meals.

I have never mooched off anyone in my life. The \$10 my niece spent is the only time I can remember anyone buying me dinner in my adult life other than on my birthday. My niece has a job that I know for a fact pays at least three times as much as mine does. She has several pets, and I'm sure she spends a lot more a month on pet food than the cost of my meal. I don't think my sister should have made an issue of it. What do you think? - Irritated In North Carolina

**DEAR IRRITATED:** I agree with you. You were an invited guest and, as well-meaning as your sister may have been, she should have stayed out of it. I hope you will overlook her poor manners.

**DEAR ABBY:** This past weekend I was walking at the mall and encountered a gentleman in a wheelchair. I was walking down a long, graduated slope as he was coming up. I offered to assist him, and he politely declined.

My question is, what is the proper thing to do when offering to assist? Is it rude, and is someone offended when offered a helping hand? - Just trying to help

**DEAR JUST TRYING: I** don't think it is ever offensive to OFFER a helping hand. What can be counterproductive is when a good Samaritan does something without first ASKING such as grabbing the arm of a sightless person and attempting to help the individual across a street - which can be not only frightening but possibly unnecessary.

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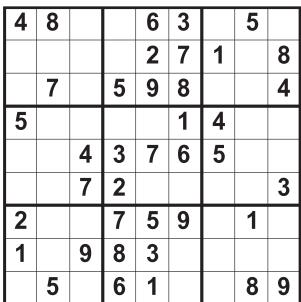
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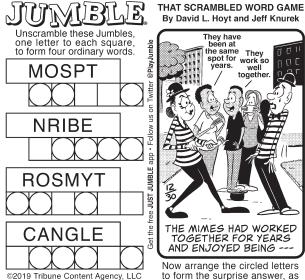
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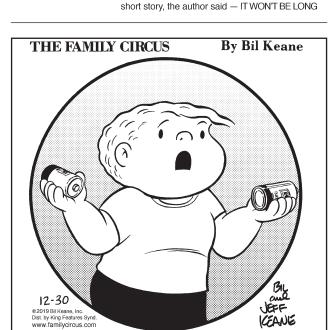
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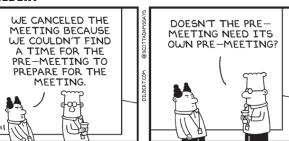


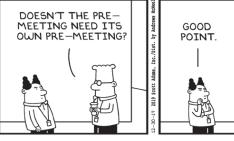
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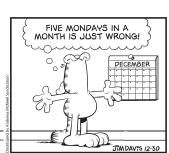




# GARFIELD







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# We cannot escape the righteous judgment of God

From the writings of the own merit. They believe teous judgment of God. But Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why do people easily believe in Heaven but not Hell? Does it really change anything? – H.H.

Most

Billy people accept that Heaven is **Graham** real, according My Answer to a Fox News poll. Many religious and non-religious believe they will go there

because God is a God of love. Many of these same people, however, reject that Hell is real. Yet they reserve Hell as a very real place for people who have perpetrated some of the most hideous crimes in history and have absolutely no remorse in wanting some of the most infamous criminals to "go to Hell." What does it reveal about people's hearts when they want someone condemned to Hell? They

are obviously judging that

person's actions against their

they're good enough to pass judgment on another person, this foreboding place because they reject His Word.

"Please... write on anything but Hell!" This comes from bloggers in cyberspace who claim to be Christians. Responding to those who are sounding the warning about Hell, they write, "This makes Christians look like they serve a God filled with anger and wrath.'

No matter how hard we try, we cannot escape the righ-

God, in His mercy and grace, wants to impart His righteousbut they accuse God who is ness through salvation to all holy of condemning people to people. Yet there are those who refuse such a gift and want to make light of Hell, the place that intrigues and inflames such passion. Herein lies the problem – we

see ourselves as good and refuse to see that we, too, harbor wickedness within. The Bible says that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Don't let Satan deceive you with his lies. Turn to God and live for Him.

# **CELEBRITY CIPHER**

by Luis Campos ous people, past and present

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scary. You are always walking some kind of high wire." — Tom Hanks TODAY'S CLUE: W slenbə M

# Bride-to-be attempts to keep costs and hurt feelings down

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an awkward wedding conundrum I hope you can help me with. I am getting married in April

and want to invite two Dear co-workers with whom I am very close. One of

Abby them is married; the other, "Sara," is in the process of divorcing her husband. Sara

was unhappy for years with her almost ex-husband, and we witnessed the deterioration of their marriage over several years.

About a year ago, while still married, Sara began an affair. She's still "seeing" this man – sneaking out, meeting him on his lunch break, going to motels – while she goes through the divorce process. She considers them to have been a couple for the past year.

I'm keeping a very tight grip on my guest list to control the costs. I don't want to pass judgment on Sara, but I don't think her situation at present qualifies as a true, committed relationship, which is the parameter I set when deciding who gets to bring a plus-one. I also don't want my wedding to be the event where she "debuts" her new man.

I know she will feel slighted because in her mind he's her boyfriend, and they are a couple. I have met him only once, but because they have been so secretive, he's a complete stranger to me. Sara may resent that I invited our other co-worker's husband and not her "boyfriend." Is there a way I can handle this tactfully? -Bewildered Bride

**DEAR BEWILDERED:** If you invite one close coworker's significant other and exclude the other, there are guaranteed to be hurt feelings. If you explain that you don't feel she is in a committed relationship (after a year!), you will get yourself deeper into hot water because she will be insulted. Believe me, if you do what you are considering, it's going to cost you far more than the price of two dinners.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 67-yearold woman. I've been single all my life but now wish I could find a companion to share my later years with. My problem is, I'm not interested in a sexual relationship. I have never been good at the physical part of intimacy. As a result, I've had limited experience and not much luck with men. When I was younger, I had a reasonably healthy sexual appetite, but couldn't seem to do "the act" right, although I enjoyed the prelude.

My idea of a relationship now would be with a kind, supportive man who likes to dance and enjoy life, but who's OK with no sex. Is this a reasonable expectation at my age, or should I just give it all up? I don't even know how I'd go about finding such a partner without fearing I'd have to prove myself and experience more loss.

Incidentally, I had counseling years ago about other issues, and the strong possibility arose about childhood sexual abuse, but it was vague and not resolved. - Wanting This But Not That

**DEAR WANTING:** I can't guarantee that you will find a partner, but there is a website for asexual people that offers a lot of information as well as a way to connect with the rest of the "ace" (short for "asexual") community. Its members call it AVEN, which stands for Asexual Visibility and Education Network. It can be found at asexuality.org. You and many others may find it helpful, and I wish you luck in your quest

to find a loving relationship. **DEAR READERS:** Well, contentious 2019 is at an end! Please accept my heartfelt good wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 2020. And if you plan to be out partying tonight to ring in the New Year, please be sure you have appropriate transportation arrangements and be safe!

Love, Abby Contact Dear Abby at www.Dear Abby.com.

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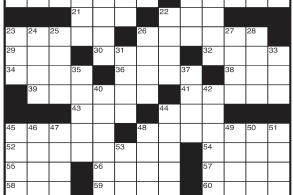
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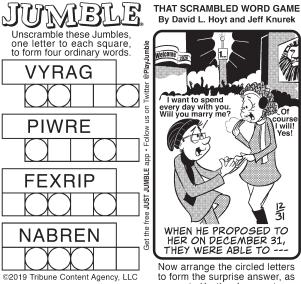
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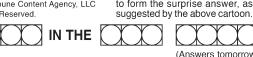
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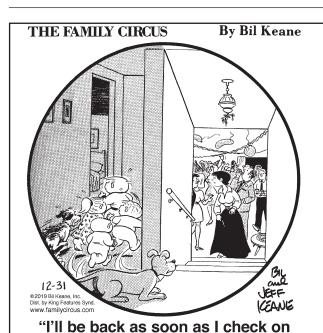
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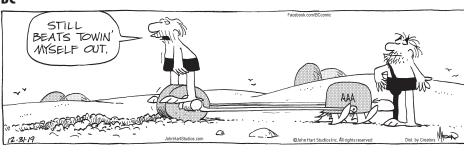


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## **GARFIELD**







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# Man was not made for himself, but for God

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: The Christmas season for me is always a happy time. It seems people are more likely to be in good

spirits. But when the last Billy day of the Graham year comes, I My Answer crumble. Depression sets

in like a dark cloud as I reflect on disappointments. What hope can a new year bring to

ease the restlessness? - H.D. A: A new year is only a mark of time, a turning of the page. Mankind was not established on earth just to be preoccupied with self, our own problems and pleasures. Mankind was not put here to make this a better world. If this is all there is to life, then it truly is "meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 1:14,

NIV). Man was not made

for himself, but for God. The

Great Designer planned that

we would know Him forever.

Why are people so restless? Why are people constantly searching for lasting peace and contentment yet never fully satisfied? Many people express this particularly when a new year approaches. Countless people echo this lament. The Bible says this happens for a very good reason: We are incomplete without God. If we leave Him out of our lives, we have an empty place in our souls, a yearning deep inside us that only God can satisfy. No matter how hard

we try, if we ignore God, our search for lasting peace and happiness will be futile.

Man is not just a physical being; he is a spiritual being, created with a soul or spirit that gives the ability to know God. The Bible says that God implanted something of Himself inside of us: "God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27). God has given us a unique spiritual nature and we can know its blessings when we surrender completely to Him.

# **CELEBRITY CIPHER**

by Luis Campos

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